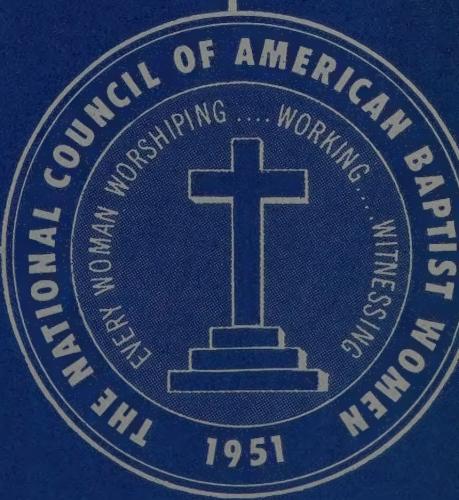


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PEOPLE IN A HURRY

Watch . . . with me the parade of African women across the sands of history and into today.

Watch . . . 75 women being arrested and sentenced to three months in jail for piling stones two feet high on the road, and 80 more women arrested after they had commandeered a bus and demanded to be taken to the native Commissioner. The arrests were made in Natal Province, South Africa, last year because the actions of these women were in protest against laws restricting the free movement of peoples of color. These women are African people in a hurry to gain freedom and equality of person.

Watch . . . Moslem women in Algeria, during 1959, moving a giant step nearer emancipation from laws which have traditionally prevented them from freedom of choice as to their partner in marriage, the minimum age of their marriage, or their consent to divorce. There is one Asian nation in which after continuing effort on the part of one leader the centuries old custom of polygamy has been abolished. These are women on the march toward freedom of personal choice.

Watch . . . women twenty-one years of age and older in British Togoland, during 1959, going to the polls for the first time in their lives, and for the first time in the life of the country under a United Nations' plebiscite. There together with the men of Togoland they brought the new African nation of Ghana into being. It wasn't until 1920 that the Nineteenth Amendment brought the vote to women in the United States. Women in New Zealand, Australia, and Finland gained this right from 27 to 14 years before we did. Since the United Nations Charter was drafted with its emphasis on equal opportunities for women, 39 nations have liberalized their electoral laws. Now only in 10 countries of the world are women denied the right to vote. These are mostly the Moslem lands, a United Nations survey reports. What a fast moving parade this has become! These are women in a hurry to become political partners in an exciting age of new nations.

Watch . . . women in the new Federation of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, living with deep fears that the stricter separation of the races in Rhodesia will become the pattern of life in "freer" Nyasaland. Watch them eagerly seeking more education after long days of labor so that they may hasten the day when people will be accorded human rights without discrimination as to color or status.

Watch . . . the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities as it attempts also to hasten this parade of people in a hurry.

Watch . . . a Congolese nurse carefully dressing her patient's wound, deeply grateful for the professional opportunity which has been opened to her, yet impatient, resentful, and yearning deeply for that shining day in the future when Congo too may be free.

Watch . . . 50 white women in Johannesburg wearing broad black bands across their shoulders, standing or marching silently behind a black-draped coffin-like volume of their Constitution. These women were demonstrating their belief that because of certain discriminatory action of their government against people of color the Constitution of South Africa had died. And that with it, freedom had also died. These silent women had the courage to protest in order to hasten the day of emancipation.

Watch . . . the 38 women from 32 nations, four of them African, who served in the 1959 fall session of the United Nations General Assembly. Each has made significant contributions to this parade of people in a hurry, many of them serving on the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee where many concerns of women are discussed.

Watch . . . the 18 women on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as they make recommendations and reports on the promotion of women's rights in civic, economic, legal, and educational matters. These have served as guideposts in the new countries of Africa and Asia in the drafting of laws and the working out of new patterns of national life.

African women, from many countries and with varying cultural backgrounds, are all people in a hurry—in a hurry for the freedom to which most of us have been accustomed. These are freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution, but not always available yet in equal proportion to all of our people. As we study the problems and progress of Africa this year, as we watch this amazing parade of African women in a hurry, may God grant us wisdom and courage to live in our own communities with our sisters of all races.

To the Presidents

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Dear Presidents:

A New Year and a new decade are before us. While memories of the joyous and holy Christmas season are still lingering in our minds, we are closing the budget books, making our financial reports, and starting anew.

Many resolutions for a new year are made only to be kept for a time and then forgotten. Habits have a strong hold on most of us and even when we want to mend our ways we find it difficult. We cannot afford to wait for a new year or a new decade to make a new beginning. Every day is a new beginning. "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:21-23 RSV).

May this New Year and each new day find you abiding in this steadfast love which never ceases.

A Challenge

It is indeed heartening to note the extent to which the number of women's societies in our churches has increased in recent years. However, there is still a large number of churches that do not have women's work organized according to our national plan. The number reported for 1958-1959 is approximately 25 per cent or about one fourth of our churches.

During these years of the Baptist Jubilee Advance when we are concentrating with greater intensity on evangelism, let us endeavor to increase the number of women's societies until we have an organized Woman's Society in every American Baptist church. Then and only then will all American Baptist women be informed concerning the over-all program of woman's work in our denomination and have opportunities for fellowship with other American Baptist women in the association, state, and nation. Women in a church without an organized Woman's Society are missing many opportunities: opportunities for service, opportunities for spiritual and mental growth, and opportunities for fellowship.

If you are an association president, will you ask yourself this question: How many churches in my association do not have an organized program for the women of the church? Once you have made a list, then you and your association chairman of Leadership Training and your chairman of Spiritual Life are the persons to contact the women in the churches listed, inquiring whether they would like your help in organizing.

If your offer is accepted, you will need the following tools as helps:

→ A copy of the "Suggested Constitution for a Woman's Baptist Mission Society in a Local Baptist Church." There are three different suggested constitutions for the local society: (1) for the society with a membership of more than 75 members; (2) between 25 and 75 members; and (3) with fewer than 25 members.

→ A copy of *The Magic Circle, Leader's Guide for Local Societies, With One Accord, an Annual Report Book, Women Share in the American Baptist Program*, the current *Program Packet*, and *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. These materials are all listed in Literature Highlights, with prices and information as to where they may be ordered.

If help is needed from state or national officers, those living near-by will be glad to assist personally; those at a distance will be glad to give help through correspondence.

After a new society has been organized, you will want to keep in close touch with the society to make sure that it is functioning smoothly. And you will want also to invite the members to attend the next meeting of the association, where they will be recognized and welcomed.

An association president can receive no greater satisfaction from her term in office than to know that she has been instrumental in helping woman's work to grow.

Promotional Money

Business concerns spend millions of dollars on advertising. New products are introduced to the public by television, radio, newspaper and magazine advertisements, by billboards, and by many other means. This costs money but it pays off in increased sales of the product. It pays to advertise!

What has this to do with women's work? Just as one must know about a product before buying it, so one must know about a program before supporting it. We do not have large budgets with which to work, but we do recognize the importance of spending money for promotional purposes. Information must be channeled from one source to another.

The National Council of American Baptist Women has allotted in its budget an amount for each officer and chairman to aid her in carrying on the promotional work in her area. This money is used for mimeographing letters, for postage, for producing new leaflets, and other aids for the promotion of her work. At times stencils are cut by volunteers and the mimeographing is done in church offices or by business offices interested in the work of the Council.

State societies also have money budgeted for promotion, though the amounts provided for this purpose may vary. But when it comes to associations all too often there is not a sufficient amount for this purpose. The result is that the link binding the local society to the association and through the association to the state and to the National Council of American Baptist Women is weak.

Money spent wisely for promotion increases interest in missions, in White Cross, in Love Gift, in Christian Family Life, in Leadership Training, and in all other areas in which we work. Let us resolve that this year we shall provide in our association budgets an amount for each officer and chairman that will allow her to do an effective promotional job.

"Where will this money come from?" you ask. Associations look to local societies for their support. So, to the presidents of local societies, we would say:

Support your association financially so that the links which bind us all together as American Baptist women may be made even stronger and kept strong.

Gifts for Council's New Office

On Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, in Rochester, New York, at the morning session, there will be a dedication of the gifts presented by local societies to the National Council of American Baptist Women for the new office furniture and equipment which will be needed when our Convention moves to Valley Forge.

The treasurers—local, association, state—are the *key* persons in the collection of the gifts to this fund. Please follow this plan carefully: The local treasurer sends the gift from her society to the association treasurer, who, in turn, sends all money received to the state treasurer of the Woman's Society. When the *state president* leaves for the American Baptist Convention to be held in Rochester, New York, in June, 1960, she is requested to take with her the gift of the societies in her state to be presented at the dedicatory service on Woman's Day.

It is hoped that each Woman's Society will participate in the furnishing of the National Council's office through its gift of money. The amount suggested is one dollar from each circle or in the case of a small society, not organized into circles, one dollar for each ten members.

The World Day of Prayer

The date: Friday, March 4, 1960

The theme: "Labourers Together with God"

Sponsors: United Church Women

The authors of the service for the 1960 World Day of Prayer are members of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Packet of materials for the observance of the World Day of Prayer may be ordered from: P and D Department, National Council of Churches, P.O. Box 320, Madison Square Station, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents. Deadline for receiving orders, February 19.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Plans are being made for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer in 1961. Amer-

ican Baptists have participated in the World Day of Prayer from its beginning. Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery and Mrs. Henry W. Peabody were the two Baptist women who first suggested a Day of Prayer for foreign missions. Additional information concerning this 75th anniversary will appear in subsequent issues of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Mail Time

What does mail time mean to you? Probably there is not one of us who does not look forward eagerly for a letter from the son in college, or the daughter who is married and living away, or from other relatives and friends.

Many of us receive stacks of second class mail each day and it takes time to go through it all and to sift the important from the unimportant. Since you are president of a Woman's Society there are sure to be letters addressed to you because you serve in this capacity. What do you do when you cannot give attention to these letters when they first arrive? Do you set aside a time later in the day when you can read them carefully and answer them promptly?

Mail demands attention. One of the listed duties of a president is to *handle all correspondence promptly*. Few volunteer workers have secretarial help with the daily mail. However, if the mail is too heavy and too time consuming, it may be possible to find a business or professional member in your society who will be glad to help in this matter.

Sometimes information is being requested by the national office, or a request is made by a counterpart. A delay in replying causes much inconvenience. Failure to reply promptly to mail makes for poor public relations. On the other hand, fine and friendly relationships can be established through correspondence. When this happens we look forward to meeting in person the one with whom we have been corresponding and we feel that we are truly working together.

"America For Christ Offering"

Someone said to me, "The very words 'America for Christ' make me want to share in that offering." We hope that many people feel that way. By supporting this offering for our home mission societies we are helping, in a very real way, to win Americans to Christ and thus *America for Christ*.

The vice-presidents of Missions have already received information about this offering, but we all want to give publicity and our full cooperation to it.

Dates to Remember

- Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, Rochester, New York.
- Annual Woman's Luncheon, June 4, 1960, Rochester, New York.
- National Women's Conference, July 9-16, 1960, Green Lake, Wisconsin.
- Baptist World Alliance, June 26-July 3, 1960, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

To the First Vice-Presidents

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Program for Action

To all the First Vice-Presidents who promoted the Program for Action during 1958-1959, I express my appreciation.

We have entered a new year. Let us never become complacent and self-satisfied with past achievements; rather let these achievements serve as a challenge to us for the future.

During 1958-1959 we had hoped to reactivate ten thousand women. The total number of women reactivated was 9,700—three hundred less than our goal. For this program year, 1959-1960, shall we set a new goal of twelve thousand?

A good salesman knows his merchandise. If we are to be good salesmen for the Program for Action, we must study it to become thoroughly familiar with it; then we must sell it to the local society and association. In Ecclesiastes 9: 10 we read: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; . . ."

From Maine to California

Do you **CARE** and **SHARE**? If so, you will write me about your work. We grow in wisdom and knowledge by helping others.

A plan, used by the First Vice-President of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society of Massachusetts, to reach *all* women in the local churches is worthy of sharing. This plan to enlist all American Baptist women in our work follows:

In Massachusetts, First Vice-Presidents with their committees . . .

1. Told the women in Baptist churches about the work of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. They accomplished this through . . .

→ General Publicity

- ... Good publicity before and after meetings.
- ... Report of the meetings of the Woman's Society to Sunday church school classes.
- ... Items in the church bulletin and newsletter.
- ... Posters.
- ... Newspapers.

→ Personal Invitations

- ... Letter from the president of the Woman's Society to each woman in the church at the beginning of the year, explaining purpose of the Society.
- ... Postcard to each woman in the church prior to meeting.
- ... Personal contact: "each one brings one."

... Use of different women to make the contacts.
... An announcement presented to every woman in church on the Sunday preceding the society meeting. Used originality. For example: a scroll tied with ribbon or yarn; or cutout outline map of country to be studied; or an invitation attached to a flower, either paper or real, with these words: "Bring this flower to add to a bouquet at the Woman's Society, Thursday evening, at eight o'clock."

→ Good Public Relations

- ... Dedicated the White Cross quota in the Sunday morning worship service.
- ... Sent a Year Book to all women of the church.
- ... Mimeographed a Woman's Society newsheet each month.
- ... Planned a special visitation program.
- ... Distributed packet of important materials to women.
- ... Gave a special invitation to young women older than Guild age and made the meeting a special occasion.
- ... Arranged for a pastor-sponsored dinner for all women. Had the speaker present the program of the Woman's Society.

2. Helped to make it possible for all women to participate by providing. . .

- ... Transportation.
- ... Baby sitter at church for daytime meetings.
- ... Baby sitter service at homes, for evening meetings.
- ... Baby sitter service for dinner meetings.
- ... Baby sitter service for morning coffee hours.

3. Made all women feel welcome and needed.

- ... Pinned carnation on "first-timers" at each meeting.
- ... Assigned hostesses for each meeting to give friendly welcome.
- ... Invited three inactive and three active women to member's home that they might become acquainted.
- ... Assigned new members and inactive women to a circle.
- ... Rotated circle membership.
- ... Appointed a Remembrance Committee, for birthdays, and for special anniversaries.

4. Enlisted participation of many women.

- ... Used women choir members at meetings.
- ... Assigned responsibility for a shut-in to an individual member.

- ...Discovered and used talents of inactive women.
- ...Used talents of all women, insofar as possible, recording in a card file their participation and talents.
- ...Gave more women responsibility in meetings.
- ...Presented a Love Gift box to each woman in the church.
- ...Formed prayer groups.
- 5. Made the meetings worth-while and the work challenging.
 - ...Arranged time of meeting to the convenience of majority.
 - ...Opened and closed meetings on time.
 - ...Made sure that programs were informative, inspiring, and interesting.
 - ...Planned a well coordinated meeting.
 - ...Kept business session brief.
- 6. Remembered the importance of . . .
 - ...Prayer
 - ...Necessity of helping the women to realize the importance of the Lord's work.
 - ...Imagination, hard work, and enthusiasm.

Will *you* help us to reach the goal of 12,000 women reactivated during 1959-1960? Be creative and warm with an enthusiastic interest in your outreach.

Leader-Speaker Requirements

1. Personal Qualities

Let us enumerate some of the most important personal qualities which Christian women who are leaders and speakers should possess:

Christian character	Desire to serve
Maturity	Sense of humor
Poise	Tact
Tolerance	Good health
Graciousness	Humility
Enthusiasm	Ability to think clearly

2. Platform Technique and Etiquette

a. Technique

Women who are leaders and speakers adhere to the following suggestions and to others which they have derived from books on the art of speaking:

- Develop good speaking voice, pronunciation, and diction.
- Have a sense of the dramatic.
- Acquire a fund of general information.
- Use an interesting and arresting opening statement.
- Do not begin speech with an apology.
- Do not talk about yourself.
- Do not speak until the audience is quiet.
- Be assured audience is hearing you.
- Do not be annoyed by any movements in the audience.
- Do not avoid a pause. If used at the right moment, a pause can be effective.
- Give information and stimulate thinking. Unless your speech leaves an audience better informed, it is valueless.
- Know when you have finished and stop.

b. Etiquette

Christian women who are leaders and speakers should remember that their appearance and mannerisms on the platform will either add to or detract from the effectiveness of their words.

Hats can be worn on platform but must be of a type not to draw attention of audience. Brilliant colors, feathers, bows, and any other unusual decorations are conspicuous. The audience may very likely concentrate upon the hat rather than upon the speech. Feathers have a tendency to bob from side to side. Attention will be focused on the bobbing.

Dresses should be, preferably, of solid color with little trimming. Colorful accessories are acceptable. Flowered prints often conflict with the personality of the speaker. Dresses in the large sizes should not be of bright colors. Beware of skirts which are too short; they have a way of sliding up when the wearer is seated.

Dress slips should be the correct length for the dress when the wearer is seated as well as standing.

Gloves should not be worn. Hands are expressive when they are used properly and not too frequently.

Jewelry is acceptable, provided it does not dangle. Use discretion in the amount of jewelry worn. Chains, numerous bracelets, long dangling earrings or any other jewelry that would prove to be distracting should be eliminated.

Fur neckpieces and stoles may easily cause annoyance to the speaker and prove distracting to the audience. Therefore should not be worn.

Mannerisms should be carefully watched.

Dismiss all thoughts of personal appearance from conscious and subconscious mind. Be sure before leaving home that grooming leaves nothing to be desired. Then, and only then, can one forget herself.

Cross ankles or place feet together on the platform; never, never, cross the knees.

Watch posture while standing and sitting. Rise and return to chair gracefully.

Be prepared to speak. Once on the platform do not fumble in purse or leaf through notebook.

Look at the audience.

Eliminate conversation with other speakers on the platform.

What Makes a Speech Good?

Once the material for the speech has been gathered through reading, research, necessary contacts, and thinking, there are three factors that every speaker should keep in mind: (1) brevity; (2) point; (3) relationship.

For additional information on the preparation of a speech, refer to pages 17-18 of this issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**.

To the Chairmen of Program

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Greetings, Chairmen of Program!

Simeon Stylites, quoted in the Installation Service, "Take These Hands," in the Program Packet for 1959-1960, has this to say about hands:

You may wring them;
You may fold them;
You may lay them on some task.

"**You may wring them.**" Well, I confess there are times when I feel like wringing my hands; for example, when I discover a state chairman of Program who does not read **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN** or when I learn that 23 per cent of the reporting societies did not have at least eight programs on some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.

"**You may fold them.**" There are times when I would like to fold my hands; particularly, when I bring home nine hundred copies of the many pages of the promotional skit for the Program Packet and have the task of collating the pages, stapling them, and mailing all those copies; and then have the fun of rescuing all the dimes from the scotch tape and the other ingenious devises that women use when sending money through the mail.

"**You may lay them on some task.**" There are times when I am glad and rejoice that I may lay my hands on this task. There is no doubt that the task of the chairman of Program, while no more important, perhaps than other tasks, is a very basic one. Therefore, we must continue to reiterate the following basic principles until every society realizes the importance of these principles.

1. There should be a Program Committee. Please note the section on *elections* in column two.

2. The programs should be planned for the year.

3. The programs should allow for group participation and different women should take part each year.

4. Some of the programs should be evaluated.

5. Every program should be on some phase of our American Baptist World Mission.

6. Our programs, our activities, and our total work should relate the women to the church as a whole, to the entire Kingdom enterprise, and most of all to Christ. Well do we realize that when our societies merely create interest in, and loyalty to the society, when they become an end in themselves, their usefulness in furthering the work for the Kingdom is done.

We are told that a comet usually swings from infinity and back to infinity in an arc. One day a comet came too close to the planet Jupiter and was pulled out of its usual orbit into an ellipse—but an ellipse not around the planet Jupiter but around the sun.

Our programs and societies should pull the members away from daily tasks and common thinking, but they must *not* pull them into a self-contained organization but rather into the Church as a whole—into orbit with Christ, the Son of God, as the center.

Greater Works

"Greater Works Shall Ye Do" is, indeed, a challenging theme for us to keep before the members of our Woman's Societies throughout the year. While the theme has been symbolized by the motif of hands on the cover of the Program Packet, it is hoped that we shall not lose sight of the deeper meanings of this theme. To guard against this, the committee that produced the Program Packet included a pamphlet containing suggestions for six devotional services: Greater works shall you do—if you love me,—if you believe,—if you keep my commandments,—if you abide in me,—if you ask, and—if you receive the Holy Spirit.

May each Woman's Baptist Mission Society this year really do Greater Works!

Homework

Have you studied last year's report and noted the weak points?

Are you working on these points?

Have you studied the emphases (goals) for 1959-1960, as printed in the spring issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**?

Are you making every possible effort to accomplish these goals?

Elections

The time for elections in most societies is drawing near. It is advised and urged that in all but the smallest of societies that there be a chairman of Program who is a member of the division of First Vice-President. The First Vice-President should *not* carry the chairmanship of Program in addition to the responsibilities of her own office.

The chairman of Program should have a committee working with her. On this committee there should be:

1. The First Vice-President because the chairman of Program is a member of the division of First Vice-President.

2. The chairman of Spiritual Life because the worship service should be a vital and integral part of the total program.

3. The chairman of Literature because she can suggest available materials to enrich the programs.

4. The chairman of Publicity because she can then make plans for publicizing each meeting in some way that is unique.

5. The president who is, of course, an ex-officio member of the committee.

6. In addition to these five serving with the chairman, one or two other members who are especially qualified for program planning. The officer or chairman whose area of work is to be featured should be invited to the meeting for consultation. When the society is organized on the circle plan, the chairman responsible for programs in each circle should participate in arranging over-all programs for the society in order to correlate plans in the circles with those of the Woman's Society. Programs in the packet—not used by the Society—may then become available to circles.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

Several requests were received last year for suggestions for a Mother-Daughter banquet. It is only January, to be sure, and most of these banquets are scheduled for the late spring, but it is not too early to make plans.

Purpose

A Mother-Daughter banquet to be good involves much more than a good dinner and entertainment. For every meeting held within the church, there should be a worth-while purpose or purposes.

Some of these should be:

1. To help mothers to understand better the problems of girls in meeting the demands of today.

2. To help girls to understand that mothers had problems in their youth, too, and that they still have problems as they try to meet the demands of today.

3. To create a desire on the part of both mothers and daughters to make their relationship deeper and stronger and more beautiful each year because they appreciate each other more and more.

4. To give inspiration to both mothers and daughters to follow Christ more closely and to live on a higher plane.

A Festive Occasion

A Mother-Daughter banquet is something very special. Therefore care should be taken to have the tables inviting, the room attractive, the food—served by the men—good but reasonable, and the program excellent. Plans for this occasion should be made weeks in advance that every detail may be given attention. The favors, program covers, decoration, toasts or speeches should carry out the banquet theme. The various items on the program should build to a climax.

Some Ideas Alice in Wonderland

Many of the *Alice in Wonderland* books have clever pictures. Five or six of these pictures could be used as suggestions for program covers. These covers should be so placed on the tables as to avoid duplicates in close proximity. They would hold added appeal if hand painted. You could use Alice, the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Walrus, the Caterpillar, the Mad Hatter, or any of the other very interesting characters in this strange land.

The menu could be printed backwards, as were the looking glass books.

The toasts could be based on some of the pithy sayings in the books, such as:

“Who am I?” This could be based on Alice’s experiences in the rabbit hole.

“When I was your age. . . .” Alice and the Queen were having a conversation and the queen referred to something that she did when she was Alice’s age.

“To keep in the same place. . . .” The Queen tells Alice that it takes all the running she can do to keep in the same place.

“Which way?” Alice’s conversation with the Cheshire Cat would be a starting point for a toast or message.

“The moral of that is” The Duchess gave Alice some sound advice.

The book is filled with clever sayings. There are others, too, that will fit your purpose.

Mother Goose

Program covers could be made in the shape of Mother Goose. The menu could be phrased from some of the rhymes: “this little pig had roast beef”; “oats, peas, beans, and barley grow”; “Mary, Mary quite contrary”; “Queen of hearts, she made some tarts.” You can find many more. For the toasts or short messages you can find several to fit your purposes.

April Showers, May Flowers

These program covers could have an umbrella in the upper left part of the cover page and some flowers in the lower right-hand corner. The umbrella could be made from a section of a paper muffin cup, with a colored plastic pick for the handle. The flowers could be tiny flowers from an old hat. The principal message could be based on Chaucer’s prologue in the *Canterbury Tales*, “Aprille with his shoures soote.”

Butterflies

This program cover could be in the shape of a butterfly, and many different colored butterflies could be used in decorating the tables and room. One message could be on cocoons as the symbol of the home that holds and protects the young; another on wings, since every one sooner or later has to try her wings; and still another on flight. Many other messages could be worked out on the beauty and life of the butterfly.

These suggestions are made to stimulate your own thinking. Use them, adapt them, or come up with something completely original. But do make the Mother-Daughter banquet a very special occasion in your church. And when it is over, please remember to send me a copy of your program and favors.

To the Chairmen of House Party

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National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings, Chairmen of House Party!

Promotion and publicity are the two words which best describe the duties of the chairman of House Party in the local Woman's Baptist Mission Society and in the association. For an excellent list of books which will help you to promote and to publicize your house party in the most effective manner, refer to the titles given by Mrs. Ernest Bailey, national chairman of Publicity, in the 1959 fall issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**, page 43.

Ideas!

By keeping the house party constantly before the women in your society, you will help them to realize its importance to them as members of the American Baptist Woman's Mission Society, and will help them to make plans early in the year to attend.

Your state chairman of House Party, I am sure, sends to her association and local chairmen attractive, interesting and informative flyers, but it is not possible to send a flyer once a month. But *you* can prepare one for the bulletin board in your church, and with your imagination and enthusiasm can create a different one for each month. A copy of the interesting flyer prepared by the women of Wisconsin for their first House Party in 1932 is printed, in part, in the following column.

House Party Attendance

Have you heard the question: "What is the purpose of a house party?" The purpose, we believe, is four-fold: fellowship, information, training, and inspiration.

The first purpose is fellowship. Is it not stimulating for members of a Woman's Society in a large church, medium size church, or in a small church, to come together and through such a meeting have opportunities for fellowship with many other Baptist women? The house party does, indeed, help us to develop a family relationship with women from other Baptist churches.

The second purpose is information. We as Baptist women need to . . .

- Become informed regarding our great missionary task.
- Know the program for the Baptist Jubilee Advance and in what ways we can participate.
- Have information concerning the over-all program of the American Baptist Convention.

The third purpose is training. Many times women are willing to undertake a task but hesitate because they

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FIRST GET-TOGETHER HOUSE PARTY

of Wisconsin Baptist Women
at Green Lake Bible Institute

August 16-18, 1932

You are cordially and earnestly invited to attend and, by your presence, help to make this coming out party a success.

Why should you be there?

Reason No. 1:

The total expense for the three days on the grounds is only three dollars. This includes seven meals, beginning with the noon luncheon on the 16th and including the noon luncheon on the 18th. It also includes two nights' lodging. But bring your own sheets, pillow slips, and towels. Registration fee of one dollar to be sent when making reservations, pay balance on arrival.¹

Reason No. 2:

You will find many congenial women at the house party. These women are interested in the same things you are.

Reason No. 3:

You will find rest but not ennui, for . . .

Rest is not quitting the busy career

Rest is fitting one's self to one's sphere.

You will find many "tions" but nothing to shun. Some of the benefits to be enjoyed are:

INSPIRATION, gained from the words of our own Mrs. Jeanette Lincoln.

INFORMATION, acquired from review of the new study books and through personal contact with our state chairmen of departments.²

MEDITATION, induced by the devotional periods.

EDIFICATION and Information from a missionary address.

RELAXATION and Recreation to be found in free periods.

TRANSFORMATION of all of us if we have absorbed what was presented.

DESPERATION on the part of your state officers if this party is not a success.

ANNIHILATION of hopes for future undertakings of this nature if this fails!

S O S—Save oh save us from this humiliation.

¹ Flyer was prepared in 1932 when the word was "depression" not "inflation."

² Word "departments" used in 1932 has been replaced by "divisions."

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don't know the techniques. During the hours available at a house party, it is possible to do a good job of training if the leaders in woman's work are there.

How can a state officer train her association or local counterpart if she is not at the house party? It is very important to stress to each officer and to each chairman the value of attending the house party, and for the full time. Let all of us, as chairmen of House Party, start an "education campaign" showing in as many different ways as we can the value and the importance of attendance at the house party by each officer and chairman. By planning early in the year to attend the house party probably many more leaders in our associations and local societies could be present.

According to 1958-1959 reports submitted by chairmen of House Party . . .

3,340 societies reported.

1,458 local presidents attended a house party.

We have a big task before us to interest *all* the officers and chairmen in the house party. Possibly there are young mothers who would attend if someone would take care of their children. Perhaps you know an older woman whom you could suggest to the young mother as being willing to care for her children while she is at the house party. Some officers may find it difficult to be away if there is an invalid or an aged person in their homes. A member of the society might offer to help in such a home while the officer attends the house party. An invitation to dinner extended by a member of the society to the family of an officer attending the house party is another way that might help.

Each of us has a talent which should be used in the work of the Kingdom. For some this means serving as officers, while others use their talents quietly in the background helping in many and varied ways.

There is also the question of expenses. This question comes up frequently. In some instances the Woman's Society includes in the society's budget an item listed as "Officer's Training." The amount assigned to this item could pay part of the expenses of the house party for each officer who attends.

Let each one of us accept the challenge of having all officers and chairmen attend the house party. Please send to your counterpart any suggestions that you may have for promotion and publicity of the house party. And if these suggestions are sent to me I can share them with others through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

The fourth purpose is inspiration. Who has need for more opportunities for moments of inspiration than an officer who is constantly giving of herself through her work? She needs the enriching experience of the house party to give her renewed inspiration and to challenge her to do a better and better job for her Master.

Important! Please do not send requests for mimeographed skits to your national chairman of House Party. The supply is exhausted!

³ Miss Carolyn Harshman, author of "A House Party Commercial," is chairman of House Party for the Seattle, Washington, Association.

Emphases

This is an excellent time to check on our accomplishments. In the April, 1959, issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, we set forth our emphases (goals) for 1959-1960. Please refer to that issue *now* and study it carefully. How many of the emphases have you already accomplished?

Did you have a lively, interesting, and informative report of the house party? If you presented an especially effective skit, please write and tell me about it. Then, through these pages of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, unique ways of reporting on the house party can be shared with all chairmen of House Party.

Have you sent to your state chairman of House Party a list of the local women whose talents would make a valuable contribution to the program of the house party?

Did you set an attendance goal for your society?

Have you been publicizing briefly the house party each month in some clever way, either by the spoken or printed word?

Are you keeping in your workbook a list of the names of your members who attended the house party? Enlist their aid in promotion and publicity. Such a list will also help you to determine which division has the greater number of officers attending and where you need to employ a little urging.

A House Party Commercial

[Several soap boxes are covered and labeled House Party. Some may be used to represent a grocery display. There should be one large and one small box that may be held up when mentioned. The skit³ is in the style of a TV commercial.]

ANNOUNCER: Friends, this portion of the program is brought to you by that remarkable product—House Party. House Party has Hi-Fi action—high faith, high facts, high fellowship, and high fun.

Do you need inspiration, information, fellowship, and friendliness? Try House Party.

Do you run in circles instead of leading the circle? Get House Party.

Do you have a low missionary I.Q.? House Party is for you.

Do you think woman's work is just washing dishes after a potluck dinner? You need House Party.

Discover for yourself that House Party will help you in your Woman's Society work.

Watch your mission "know-how" zoom as missionary speakers present their work on the various fields.

Be inspired by the activities of the Woman's Society as shown in the display of local and association year books.

Enjoy the scenic beauty of forest and beach at

House Party comes in two convenient sizes: the large economy size (*hold up big box*) is June at and costs only \$; the trial size (*hold up small box*) is June and costs about \$

Try House Party. You'll be glad you did!

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: HAZEL LOBLEY (Mrs. J. Benjamin Lobley)

National Chairman of Literature

Division of First Vice-President

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 116 Kenduskeag Avenue, Bangor, Maine



Greetings to the Chairmen of Literature!

In Maine on this beautiful sunny morning the air is crisp and chilly but very refreshing. As I write to my counterparts—state, association, and local chairmen of Literature—in the thirty-five state conventions, my heart is anything but chilly. I feel a glow and warmth that is hard to describe, but is understood, I'm sure, by you.

For the first time, I come into your homes through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. The letters I have already received from some of my counterparts reveal the richness in store for me as we work together in the months ahead. In Philippians 1:3 we read: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." That is my sincere greeting to each one of you.

Book of Remembrance



Do you have a copy of the 1960 edition of the *Book of Remembrance*? Are you using it as a part of your daily devotional reading? If so, you have already noted the special features: a cover of modern design, in turquoise, brown, black, and white, depicting early Christian symbols; and the illustrated divider pages, in green, giving worship services for local church groups. In addition, there is valuable program material which covers all areas of activity in our Convention, a listing of the birthdays of our missionaries and other denominational workers, the number of American Baptist churches, with their membership, and the number of new churches.

American Baptist women, who are using the *Book of Remembrance* as a part of their daily devotional reading and are including in their prayers the missionaries and workers whose names are listed for the day, will have upheld in prayer, by the end of the year, every missionary in our American Baptist Convention and many of its other workers. To those making daily use of the *Book of Remembrance* will come expanded interest in our Baptist World Mission and the feeling of a special blessing that comes in the remembrance of others.

Missions

Ten months out of the year a copy of *Missions* should be delivered to every American Baptist home. Yes, included in the budget of every American Baptist family should be an annual subscription to *Missions*. The chairman of Literature in the local Woman's Society often serves as the Club Manager for subscriptions to *Missions*. Are you one of the more than three thousand club managers? If so, and even if you are not, the circulation of this American Baptist international magazine depends largely upon your active interest and support. The club rate, two dollars for an annual subscription, is a bargain when one considers the information included in this magazine. And for real economy, and who isn't interested in economy these days, for only five dollars one may obtain a three-year subscription. In October, 1959, there were 5,253 subscriptions received. How many subscribers will there be in 1960? How many new subscribers will be due to your increased activity?

When *Missions* is delivered to your home to which page do you turn first? When *Missions* reaches my home, I feel that an old friend with many new stories to tell has arrived. I usually stop whatever I am doing and glance it through; then I turn to the page entitled "News" and next, to articles for the Woman's Society. Do you share *Missions* with all the members of your family?

Reports

Reports are a necessary and effective way of measuring our progress. We should give attention to reports every month in the year. If we do this the annual report will be much easier to prepare and, without doubt, the results will be surprisingly more gratifying. Our emphases (goals) should be read and reread and should be continually kept before us.

There are 3418 chairmen of Literature in the National Council of American Baptist Women: 35 state chairmen; 326 association chairmen; and 3057 local chairmen. Let us hope that each chairman of Literature will submit a report for the year 1959-1960!

Literature Displays

Do you find that the public library, bookstores, and gift shops are exceedingly interesting places to visit? Do you get one idea after another from browsing in these fascinating places? A chairman of Literature is always seeking new ways to display her material.

Chairmen in large cities have more opportunities for such browsing than those of us in smaller communities. But when eyes are wide open, searching for the unusual, ideas will come despite the limitation of opportunities. Why not pass your ideas on so that other chairmen may also make use of them?

We expect to find literature displays at our state and association meetings, also at our meetings of the Woman's Society and circles. And often there are displays at the prayer meeting, the Sunday church school class meeting, and the church fellowship supper but what about your own home? Do you try out new ideas in your own home? Your friends, very often they are Baptist friends, may become interested in the leaflets or publications because of seeing them arranged attractively in your living room, or in a charming corner of your hall.

Mrs. Meador Hill, of the Morgan Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, is to be commended for the excellent displays she arranges each month for the general society meetings. Mrs. Hill uses both the study and reading books, with other pieces of literature which have a bearing on her special emphasis for the month. For Christmas, Mrs. Hill used a seasonal arrangement with red candles. On an attractive poster with holly were the words, "Good Reading for Cold Winter Evenings." This was a very timely exhibit because Baptist books make acceptable gifts.

"Literature Highlights" includes nearly all the materials available. The "Key-to-Ordering" tells us where to send our orders. As we arrange our exhibits, and use new ways of presenting literature, let us consider this opportunity as a means for Christian service through which we may help to inform and inspire American Baptist women to read and to use the recommended literature effectively and purposefully. Let us believe in this opportunity which is ours to help in advancing the work of the Lord through our chairmanship of Literature.

New Literature Packet

Are you a subscriber to the New Literature Packet? The New Literature Packet, sent to subscribers bimonthly by the Department of Literature, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, costs only one dollar and fifty cents a year. During the year subscribers receive one copy of the current edition of the *Book of Remembrance*, four copies of *The Secret Place*, and a sample copy of new leaflets prepared by the denomination.

Program at New Hampshire House Party

An outline of the program written and presented at the New Hampshire House party by the state chairman of Literature, **Mrs. R. J. Bracy**, is printed in the following column.

A program similar to the one presented by Mrs. Bracy is an excellent way by which to acquaint an audience with the books recommended for study and reading during the year.

Invitation to a Wedding

Place: Barrows Auditorium, Pembroke, New Hampshire
Time: The present
Cast: Speaker [*the chairman of Literature*]
Guests [*the audience*]
Members of the wedding party [*wearing display posters of bookcovers or carrying the books mentioned*]
The Reverend Home Mission Societies
The Reverend Foreign Mission Societies

officiating clergymen

SPEAKER: [*Addresses audience*] The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of Miss Home Mission Study Theme to Mr. Foreign Mission Study Theme on September 16, 1959, at Barrows Auditorium, Pembroke, New Hampshire, at half after ten o'clock. [*The wedding march is heard.*]

SPEAKER: [*Describes members of the wedding party as they enter to the music of the wedding march, and tells something about the book which each one is personifying.*] The bride is Miss Home Mission Study Theme. Her gown is of newsprint direct from Friendship Press. Veil is of new literature [*describe literature*]. Bouquet is THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN [*describe*].

The attendants are the maid of honor, bridesmaids, and flower girl [*personifying the following books*]:

On Good Soil
People, Land, and Churches
Windbreaks
Raising Cane on Huckleberry
The Singing Bridge
A Gift of Turtles

The groom is Mr. Foreign Mission Study Theme and his best man and ushers are [*personifying the following books*]:

Africa Disturbed
The Way in Africa
Jungles Ahead!
Paths That Cross
New Magic
Bolaji and Old Hippo

Official Photographer, personifying Missions [*describe*]
Distinguished Guests [*describe the following*]

Program Packet
Crusader
Leader's Guide
Constitutions
Fun and Festival

and other items on the literature table

SPEAKER: The reception will be held immediately following the ceremony [*indicate place where literature tables are located*]. It is hoped that each one will meet the members of the wedding party and the distinguished guests.

Ceremony [*optional*]

Note: The preceding program may be adapted to future home and foreign mission study themes by substituting the proper titles of the study books and supplementary materials.

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

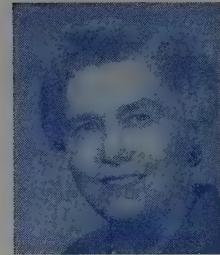
From: Lois MAYES (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes)

National Vice-President of Missions

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 3860 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach 7, California



Our Purpose

"... to whom I send you to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26, 17-18 RSV).

These wonderful words came to the Apostle Paul, as he met Christ in his experience on the Damascus road and in this passage, he quotes the same words in his defense before Agrippa. They are no less a challenge to us who have accepted responsibility as Vice-Presidents of Missions. The Master has commissioned us to witness for him, and to challenge the women of American Baptist churches to share in his world mission through their prayers, support, and service.

"That More May Know Him"

These impelling words have been chosen as the theme for the "America for Christ Offering," scheduled to be received in American Baptist churches on February 28, 1960.

The "America for Christ" emphasis is an offering, but more than that it is an opportunity for a challenging presentation of home missions to every age group in the church. Consequently it is one of our most effective tools in missionary and stewardship education.

The excellent materials prepared for the presentation of the 1960 offering will contribute to the growth and inspiration of all within the church. For example, worship services to be used in preparation for the offering are, for the first time, being printed in *Baptist Leader*. A series planned especially for adults will be found in the February issue. This series might be used not only in adult classes for women, but might also be suggested for the meetings of the Woman's Society. A series for youth, printed in the January issue of *Baptist Leader* will be very helpful for use in January and February circle meetings.

A sound-color filmstrip, entitled "That More May Know Him" is available, without charge, from your state or city executive secretary. Only one filmstrip to each church should be ordered. This filmstrip will be especially appropriate for use in the midweek service, in meetings of the Woman's Society, for an adult class session, or for a laymen's program.

Other materials for the "America for Christ Offering" include: an informative leaflet, which has already

been distributed to Vice-Presidents of Missions; an attractive poster; a coin-card for young people; and the interesting coin-box for children, illustrating our newest Christian Center at Billings, Montana.

Informative articles directly related to the home mission projects supported by the "America for Christ Offering" will be found in *Missions* magazine and in other American Baptist publications during January and February. Call these articles to the attention of the chairman of Program in your Woman's Society and in your circles, so that the women of your church may be informed and prepared to share sacrificially in the offering.

Promotion of the two mission offerings is one of the most important privileges of the Vice-President of Missions. Make the most of it. Remember, the minimum goal is \$400,000, a definite and greatly needed part of the Unified Budget.

Recruitment

Life Service Sunday, observed the last Sunday in January, is suggested as a day on which a meaningful emphasis will be given to the calling of our young people to dedicate their lives to service in the pastorate, on mission fields, or in other church vocations.

The division of Missions chose as its over-all emphasis for 1959-1960, as you know, the recruiting of young people for service in Christian vocations. Are plans being made for observance of Life Service Sunday in your church? This observance is one way we can strengthen the recruitment emphasis in the local church. Your pastor has received an excellent packet of materials, including a suggested worship guide for use on Life Service Sunday, a Dedication Service for use in youth groups, and information about the wide range of church vocations.

Do the young people of your church realize the great variety of vocational skills which are needed in the building of the Kingdom of God? In addition to pastors, directors of Christian education, and general missionaries both at home and overseas, all types of teaching skills are needed in our church-related colleges and in our mission schools. Nurses, doctors, and dentists are needed. Those talented in the field of music are needed in our churches, schools, and colleges. Those whose ability lies in the field of business can be used of God as mission treasurers. Trained agriculturists are needed both for teaching and for demonstration cen-

ters. Always the first prerequisite will be a deep personal faith and commitment.

You can help by being constantly alert for opportunities to help in the counseling of interested young people. Make sure that youth groups in your church are provided with materials about the church vocations. Pray constantly that dedicated and qualified young people may hear God's call. Your pastor has a brochure entitled, "Consider your Call," which you will find very helpful. You may obtain a copy of this brochure, which is practical and usable, for your own use by writing to: The Commission on the Ministry, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. The price of the brochure is fifty cents.

If you know of those who might be interested in mission service on a home mission field send their names to: The Reverend E. C. Witham, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. If interest is indicated in a foreign mission opportunity, write to: The Reverend W. W. Parkinson, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

South of the Border

The January meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will be held in Mexico City. The board will attend and participate in the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Monterey Baptist Church, and the 75th anniversary of the beginning of Baptist work in Mexico City.

Pray that this opportunity for Christian fellowship may be a memorable and inspiring experience, both for our Christian brethren in Mexico, and for the board members and staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies as they return to relate their first-hand experiences on this near-by home mission field.

Au Revoir

With this issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, we are saying *Au Revoir* to Mrs. Elbert Gates, Jr., June Gates, who has been a valued member of the division of Missions, serving as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Mrs. Gates has been a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, and one of their representatives on the National Council of American Baptist Women. With her husband and family, Mrs. Gates has moved to Hong Kong, where her husband will direct relief work for Church World Service, under the auspices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Dr. and Mrs. Gates have before them a great opportunity for missionary service. We shall miss June Gates in our division of Missions. Our prayers will follow her and we shall hope to hear of her experiences as she serves in Hong Kong.

May God bless and use the Gates family in this new field!

Change of Address

Pending the building of denominational headquarters at Valley Forge, the American Baptist Foreign Mission

Societies will be located at the new Interchurch Center, and should be addressed as follows:

AMERICAN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Please note and use this address in requests for information and materials.

Haiti Needs Are Severe

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies report that many people still are starving in Haiti. Gifts of money to feed hungry children and adults may be designated to the World Relief item in the Unified Budget. If credit for a church quota is not desired, money for food can be sent as a specific gift to: The American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Please mark such gifts clearly—"Food for Haiti."

Continue to pray for your missionaries in Haiti, for the Haitian pastors, for the suffering people, for people who want help so that they will have strength to help themselves.

Let Our People Know . . .

THAT additional boxes are needed *now* for Mather Sales House. Hurricane Gracie focused its worst frenzy upon Beaufort County in which Mather School is located. Homes, churches, business buildings were completely destroyed or severely damaged. On Mather campus, roofs were severely damaged on five buildings; windows were blown out of all but two buildings. The resulting holes in roofs and windows and the driving rain with winds at 140 miles an hour caused extensive interior damage.

Insurance will cover much of the cost for building repairs but estimates indicate that about one thousand dollars of the cost cannot be included, nor can the expense of removing uprooted trees or treatment for preserving the broken trees. All trees were either uprooted or shattered.

Shrimp boats were sunk and crew members lost all of their clothing. Mather gave complete outfits from the Sales House to a number of fishermen. Since then the Red Cross has appealed to Mather to provide clothing for other fishermen and for a number of families. The Red Cross is sending relief funds to reimburse the school for such clothing, being aware that Mather is dependent upon this resource for their continued operation.

Additional boxes are needed *now* for Mather Sales House, not only to meet Red Cross requests but through the coming months to supply families whose homes have been severely damaged.

Unified Budget, 1960

The Unified Budget goal for 1960 has been set at \$10,500,000. Pray that every church may accept its share of this increased goal that together we may go forward to carry the Gospel to a waiting and needy world. Write to your state office for a copy of the free leaflet, "Where You Work."

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: LEONA MUELLER (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)

National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota



Greetings,

Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education!

In preparing this message for you, my eyes glanced over the fresh white paper, invitingly clean, awaiting the words to be placed upon it. In looking at the columns, devoid of all marks or erasure scars, I thought of the new year spread before us, fresh, clean and ready for whatever message each one of us shall write into the hours, days, and months during 1960. Will it be a period of growth for you and for me, resulting from reading, studying, and applying to our daily living the things we have learned? Will those who read our page of life find strength and encouragement for the task ahead? Or will the writing there be meaningless and empty to those who look to us for guidance and direction? The responsibility is great, the reward inestimable.

Looking Backward, Looking Forward

This is an excellent time for us, in the middle of our program year, to emulate the two-faced Roman god for whom the month of January was named, and take a backward glance to see what has been accomplished in our effort to reach the goals which were listed in the March, 1959, issue of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**. Then, with a forward look, plan a program that will enable us to carry out successfully the remainder of the emphases for the year.

- Have you encouraged each woman in your society to read at least one recommended missionary book?
- Are you encouraging the reading of a second book—either on missions or stewardship—during Lent?

The time is going rapidly but much can still be accomplished before report time through accelerated activity.

Church Library

Has your society recently given any new books—either on missions or stewardship—to the church library? Contributing new books to the church library is one of our emphases for this year. By fulfilling this objective, a society may set an example for other organizations also to add books to the church library.

Has your library been brought up to date recently? The "Library of Missionary Reading Books,"¹ prepared annually for the Department of Missionary and Stew-

ardship Education, contains the titles of books, listed in "Friends Through Books" during the past ten years, which are still included in the national missionary reading program.

A Bargain

Do practically all of the families in your church subscribe to *Missions*? *Missions* is a bargain at any price, but especially so when ordered at the subscription rate of five dollars for three years.

Send your subscription to *Missions*, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Bible Book-of-the-Month Plan

What has been done in your church to encourage readers to follow the Bible Book-of-the-Month plan? On the new 1960 bookmarks for the Bible Book-of-the-Month reading program are listed the Bible selections from January through December 1960. These bookmarks, which prove to be excellent reminders, are available at the bookstores of the American Baptist Publication Society.¹ Price, one dozen, 20 cents; fifty, 40 cents; one hundred, 60 cents.

Stewardship Facts

Be sure not to miss the excellent articles in the 1959-1960 issue of *Stewardship Facts*. You will be especially interested in the first article in the booklet, "Sandals of Samaria," by Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of Churches. And I am sure you will feel that the articles, "When Will Women Leave Their Nets," by Mrs. Walter Bowman, and "Confronted, Committed, and Conserved," by Nordan C. Murphy, are, in themselves, worth more than the price of the booklet which is twenty-five cents. Available at American Baptist bookstores.¹

How Important Is Stewardship?

Christian love must find expression in Christian giving, just as God expressed his supreme love for us through the giving of his son for our salvation. Learning to give lovingly and freely is a part of Christian education. Our gift of money, given to feed the hungry, heal the sick, dispel darkness and ignorance in

¹ Order from American Baptist bookstores: 1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring St., Los Angeles 13, California; 2001 Fifth Ave., Seattle 1, Wash.; 913 Grand Avenue, Kansas City 6, Mo.

backward countries, may be the best way in which we can answer Christ's command, "Go ye."

Our willingness to use our abilities, time, and talents in His service will add reality to our worship and will result in our becoming channels through which His creative purposes can flow. God has also made us stewards of His word. We are not to keep it to ourselves. It has been entrusted to us to share with our fellowmen.

Let us always remember that it is our responsibility to act upon our stewardship convictions in order that we may be fitting examples of Christian living and giving, and by our examples challenge other Baptist women to accept their stewardship responsibilities in the home, the church, the community, the world.

Mission to the Academic Community

We have heard the words "Mission to the Academic Community" many times during this first year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. American Baptist women are indicating their desire to support the Christian Higher Education Challenge (CHEC). Let each one of us lend our support and active leadership by . . .

1. Encouraging young people in our church to prepare themselves for their life work;

2. Helping where we can to strengthen the student-counselor program in the church;

3. Learning all we can about our own American Baptist schools, colleges, and seminaries, and about our ministry in other colleges and state universities.

"Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Haiti's needs continue to be acute. Used summer clothing and shoes may be sent direct. Be sure that clothing is light weight. Sprinkle shoes with antiseptic powder.

Follow these instructions carefully:

→ Mark clearly—"For Free Distribution."

→ Address packages, securely wrapped, to: The Rev. C. Stanford Kelly, Box 20, Cap Haitien, Haiti.

→ Check to be sure you have indicated—"For Free Distribution."

→ Send gifts of money for food through the Unified Budget, designated for Haiti.

Mather's constant needs are acute. Please refer to the articles concerning Mather School on pages 14 and 26 of this issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Films With a Message

Has your society used the new White Cross filmstrip, "With Our Hands"? This inspiring story of two White Cross packages shows how White Cross meets desperate needs and serves a valuable purpose around the world. This color filmstrip with manuscript may be ordered from the Baptist Film Library.² Price, \$5.00.

Another excellent filmstrip that will add interest to a program on Africa is: "Masaya's Story." This filmstrip also comes with a manuscript. It is the true life story of Masaya who is a product of our mission schools. Price, \$5.00.²

"Christian Ties in Thailand" is a new filmstrip with manuscript on American Baptist missions in Thailand. Via this filmstrip you may visit Bangkok, see the Chinese

Baptist Church, the oldest Protestant church for Chinese in Southeast Asia, visit a Karen village in upper Thailand, and see our missionaries at work in their fields of evangelism, education, and medicine. Price, \$5.00.²

Two New Addresses

The new address for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies is 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. This is a temporary address, pending the move to the denominational headquarters at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

The new address for White Cross packages is: White Cross—WABFMS, King Shipping Company, In care of Gold Star Cargo Services, 164 Front Street, New York 38, New York. Please use only this address for White Cross packages.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday, March 4, 1960, services in observance of the seventy-fourth World Day of Prayer will be held in 144 countries throughout the world. The theme for the 1960 World Day of Prayer is "Labourers Together With God." The service for the day was prepared by members of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. A filmstrip, "Firmly Bound—Forever Free," with two narrator's scripts, gives a graphic portrayal of World Day of Prayer services. Pictures are also included in this filmstrip of mission projects to which money is allocated from World Day of Prayer offerings. This filmstrip, requiring approximately 15 minutes, may be used on any standard filmstrip projector. Price, \$3.00.³

"The Gift of Prayer," a forty-four page booklet, gives additional material for use in preparing for the World Day of Prayer. It may be used as source material by the speaker, as a gift, or for personal devotions. Price, forty cents.³

Dates to Remember

The "America for Christ Offering" is vital to the on-going work of home missions. All chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education will want to help in the promotion of this offering which is received in most churches in the month of February.

Woman's Day for 1960 will be Thursday, June 2, in Rochester, New York. Division luncheons will again be a highlight of this important day with missionaries as our guests.

National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 9-16, 1960. Bible study, forum, workshops, division meetings, and vespers will afford opportunities for worship, inspiration, fellowship, and individual help.

National Missions Conference, August 6-13, 1960. It is especially important that all members of the division of Missions remember the period for this conference.

My Appreciation . . .

To all who have sent to me copies of their messages and reports to association or local counterparts.

² Order from Baptist Films, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey St., Berkeley 5, Calif.

³ Order from the P and D Department, National Council of Churches, 637 West 125th St., New York 27, N. Y.

To the Chairmen of Mission Interpreters — Home and Overseas

From: PAULINE MAUL (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)

National Chairman of Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana



Dear Friends:

Indeed, you have become my friends. I have met some of you; written to all of you; and I have you in my thoughts and prayers. We work together in a common cause. There is no better foundation for friendship.

In the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, questions about the work of our division were asked and answered. "Thank you" notes from several chairmen indicate that apparently this was a welcome feature. I am glad to know that the material is proving helpful.

During the 1959 Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, it was suggested that we print in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN the outlines used in our workshop. Some of you may have these outlines. But it was thought well to bring them to the attention of those who have not seen them, by running them together in this issue. These three outlines are suitable for use in a conference period, at a house party, or in leadership training conferences.

Outline for . . .

Suggested Workshop Program for Mission Interpreters —Home and Overseas

1. Devotions
2. Getting Acquainted—Roll Call
3. Stating the Purpose
4. Definitions:
 - a. Home Mission Interpreter
 - b. Overseas Mission Interpreter
 - c. How appointed
 - d. Speaking Engagements
 - e. Relationship to:
 - (1) National Council of American Baptist Women
 - (2) Mission Boards
5. Discussion on:
 - a. Qualifications of Mission Interpreter
 - b. The Speech by Mission Interpreter
 - (1) Preparation: prayer, study, keeping a file of source material
 - (2) Topic: general or specific field
 - (3) Length of speech
 - (4) Appearance: dress, posture, gestures, etc.
 - (5) Visual Aids: slides, dolls, curios, costumes, posters, maps, pictures, etc.

6. Available Materials:

Missions, Crusader, Home Mission Digest, Along Kingdom Highways, Book of Remembrance, "Spot News," "News and Tools," Missionary Letters, Pen Sketches, all missionary books included in the national missionary reading list, and materials listed in information sheets for Mission Interpreters.

7. Duties of State and Association Chairmen:

- a. See Leader's Guides

8. Records and Reports:

- a. How to keep them
- b. Where to send them

Outline for . . .

Organizing the Speech

One of the really important points is to have your speech well organized. Every speech must have a beginning and an ending. In between there should be something holding the beginning and the ending together. Each of these three parts should serve a purpose. Let us outline it this way:

1. Introduction should . . .
 - a. Attract attention by a . . .
 - (1) Question
 - (2) Fact, startling or highly interesting
 - (3) Story
 - (4) Scripture quotation
 - b. Set the stage for remainder of speech.
2. Body of the speech should . . .
 - a. Show knowledge of subject.
 - b. Develop ideas.
 - c. Contain adequate illustrations:
 - (1) Stories
 - (2) Testimonies
3. Conclusion should . . .
 - a. Be conclusion—no new facts. Let your audience realize that you have presented your ideas in a logical manner and are now ready to rest your case.
 - b. Summarize and tie loose ends together.
 - c. Leave your audience with a thought, an idea, a desire to take action. This is known as the "action step" and should be a part of every speech. It tells the listeners how to support the program.

Outline for . . .

Becoming Effective Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas

1. The Mission Interpreters—Home and Overseas speak in behalf of the entire missionary program of the American Baptist Convention. The purpose of their speaking is to convince others and arouse them to support all of their missionaries through the Unified Budget, the Love Gift, and the Special Offerings.
2. Mission Interpreters should dress so as to feel at ease and to give the appearance of neatness and simplicity.
3. Good platform manners should be cultivated; watch posture while sitting and standing.
4. Files should be kept:
 - a. Listening file
 - b. Vocabulary file: new words. Be sure of their meaning.
 - c. Material file
 - d. Speaking file: place, date, time, transportation, title of speech, where, when, and what given.
5. Speech should be prepared with care. Procedure:
 - a. Gather material: denominational materials, denominational magazines, study books, current magazines, pictures, posters, and road and air-line maps.
 - b. Organize introduction: may be Scripture, quotation from a well-known writer, or question.
 - c. Organize body of speech: illustrations, testimonies, statistics.
 - d. Organize conclusion: Tie together loose ends and "pack a punch."
 - e. Rehearse: develop poise, accuracy of phrasing, clarity of articulation, avoid rambling, repetition, and redundancy.
6. Speech should be delivered effectively. Speak distinctly, earnestly, with confidence and sincerity in a well-modulated voice. Use picturesque words and a bit of animation. Create empathy but not sympathy for missionaries who live in difficult situations. Have flexibility, fluency, and clarity of tone. Adjust voice to capacity of room or to microphone. Use microphone with care.
7. Action-step should be included. In every speech there should be an action-step which tells listeners how to support the program, the importance of their support, and our appreciation of their support.
8. Different types of speeches may be used for the presentation: the formal speech; discussion group; speech with visual aids. In all types of presentation general rules of speech-conduct and delivery apply.

Suggestions to the Leader of the Workshop

1. Pray much.
2. Plan wisely.
3. Keep informed.
4. Secure copies of Leader's Guides and Goals.
5. Invite all interested persons.
6. Be enthusiastic.
7. Be helpful.
8. Be hopeful.
9. Prepare résumé of findings.

Interpret Through Correspondence

In states where the churches are widely separated, chairman of Mission Interpreters may need a special plan of operation. A suggestion follows:

Let the names of the association chairmen of Mission Interpreters be placed on the list of names of Mission Interpreters. Each association chairman will then receive both home and overseas packets. The association chairman could then work out a schedule or plan which would allow each local chairman in the association to use the packet for a certain period or at requested times.

The association chairman will include suggestions for the use of the material she mails to the local chairman. When the local chairman of Mission Interpreters receives the material, she is responsible for its use and for its return to the association chairman.

How shall the material be used in the local church? A number of uses are suggested: Interesting announcements may be placed in church bulletins. Missionary letters may be read, possibly with the reader impersonating the missionary. Excerpts may be used to add interest to all missionary meetings. Talks may be prepared from the material. Special methods of disseminating information from the packet materials may be arranged, such as interview, skits, role playing, and panel discussions.

Looking Ahead—Attend a Conference

The value of study and training has long been recognized. Paul, writing to Timothy, said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." It is important for us to study, to receive training, and to work hard to become good witnesses for God. Excellent training conferences are held each summer at our American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin. Of particular interest to members of the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies are the National Women's Conference and the Missions Conference. It is not too early to make plans to attend one or both of these excellent conferences.

Those with special responsibility for the mission program of the church will find attendance at the Missions Conference unusually helpful. They will receive instruction in organizing a School of Missions. They will meet and become acquainted with many home and overseas missionaries. They will be inspired by the mission work being done and they will be challenged by the work to be done.

Looking Further Ahead—Hold a Conference

After attending well-planned, inspiring conferences, state and association chairmen should plan to hold a training conference. Mission Interpreters should be taught the rules for good speaking. Chairmen of Mission Interpreters should have a full understanding of the duties and responsibilities of their office. They should know how to promote the use of the Interpreters. Local chairmen, particularly, should be helped to realize the importance of their basic responsibility of finding "work" for the Interpreter. Through the conference demonstrate how information about the mission program can be made interesting to all, to any group, regardless of age or sex.

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: JUNE GATES (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)

Introducing: ELIZABETH FORD (Mrs. Harry G. Ford)

National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries

Division of Missions

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 74 Front Street, Exeter, New Hampshire



My greetings . . .

To all chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries!

Some of you have just completed your first few months as chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries; others have only a few months left before your term of office expires. But all, I believe, have found the work rewarding. Your "Specials" have appreciated your thoughts and prayers and have been helped in their work by your gifts.

Recent Changes Are Working Well

Pen Sketches

The promotion and sale of Pen Sketches by the state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries are being handled with efficiency and satisfaction. Each state chairman is trying to have on hand a sufficient supply of Pen Sketches of the missionaries assigned to her state to meet the needs of the local chairmen. Local chairmen may obtain Pen Sketches of their Special Interest Missionaries from the state chairman at house party, state convention, association meetings, or by writing to her.

It is heartwarming to learn that even in a large state, like Pennsylvania, this new system regarding Pen Sketches is working satisfactorily. The staff at the mission offices in New York is grateful that the many, many small orders are diminishing in number. However, instruction along this line is still needed, and will continue to be, until *all* local chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries turn to their state chairman for the Pen Sketches desired.

Reassigning Missionaries

A recent letter sent by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies to the state chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries is quoted here in order that *all* chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries may be informed regarding the *changing of missionaries from one state to another*.

"Your national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries has corresponded with her state chairmen concerning the plan to change gradually the assignments of Special Interest Missionaries from one state to another.

"As the majority of state chairmen were in favor of this plan, we have changed about one-third of the assignments this year (1958). We are certain this will afford opportunity for a wider acquaintance with our missionaries and the various areas of work.

"We realize, of course, that over the years many have established very close ties with certain missionaries. The fact that these missionaries may not now be officially assigned to your state need not mean, however, the termination of the personal interest and relationship.

"In planning to vary the assignments by a major change *every three years*, we will continue, however, to assign newly appointed missionaries to their home states; and/or to states where church membership is held; or to an area where we know of some special connection between the missionary and that area.

"Of course there will still be changes in assignments, due to resignations, retirements, and deaths.

"These assignments of missionaries to the states are made for the primary purpose of developing special interest and concern for the missionaries and for their programs of work. We are informing the missionaries of the assignments. They, of course, cannot correspond frequently with each group, but their general newsletters should be taken as personal contacts with them."

This explanation from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies we hope will help you to answer some of the questions directed to you.

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies has a similar plan, as their missionaries are also assigned to states.

Ideas from State Chairman

Mrs. Henry P. Truesdell, Ohio state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, recently sent the following ideas to her chairmen: "Programs and program booklets are now being planned in association and local societies. Be sure that the names, addresses, and birth dates of your Specials are included in the program booklet. Be sure to double check on the addresses to be positive that they are correct. And if you decide to send a package overseas, it is a good idea to write to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, to check the accuracy of the missionary's address. A card or a letter may be forwarded on the field; it is difficult to forward a package.¹

"And now a word to you, as chairman of this important phase of our work. Pause to say 'thank you' to God for giving you this place of service, and resolve

¹ Refer to item number seven, page 20, for additional information concerning packages to missionaries. Refer also to pages 19 and 20, fall issue, 1959, THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

to give your very best to it. Pray daily for your Specials and for all our missionaries. Share your ideas with others, and keep the information about Specials before others continually."

Mrs. E. D. Harmon, state chairman of Indiana, sent the following ideas to her chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries. "Not so long ago I spent a few days with two of our missionaries, trying to keep up with them as they went about their regular duties. It is amazing the amount of time they give to their required duties.

"Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries have a tremendous responsibility in assisting our missionaries to work at top efficiency physically, mentally, and spiritually. It is our duty to challenge *every* Baptist in the state, in the association, in the church, to remember the missionaries who have been assigned to us as our Specials.

"We should pray daily for our Special Interest Missionaries, using their names as we pray. In times as vital as these, everyone who has accepted Christ as Lord and Savior will want to unite in prayer for our Specials and for their work. Daily prayer and sharing in their success and problems will help them. The power of prayer will lift the total level of our missionary program, and increased missionary interest in the church will follow.

"The following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Inform your pastor about your Specials.
2. Exhibit pictures and pen sketches of your Specials in prominent places.
3. Assign them to circles in your society, to Sunday church school classes, and to shut-ins.
4. Suggest ways in which the missionaries can be remembered.
5. Have a program on Special Interest Missionaries, using the leaflet in the Program Packet entitled 'These Are Our Own.'
6. Write to your Specials throughout the year.
7. Consult your missionaries regarding needs before sending gifts. Wrap and address carefully. In case of duty, learn from the missionary what she paid and send the amount to her in care of the Treasurer, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York."

Note carefully: The new address of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies is: 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. The Foreign Mission Societies moved to this address in December and will remain there until the denominational headquarters offices in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, are ready.

Au Revoir

I am saddened by the fact that this is my last opportunity to communicate with you through these pages in **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**. I am filled with excitement and a sense of real challenge as I think of the days ahead.

Three years ago on a trip around the world my husband and I visited all the countries where our denomina-

tion has overseas mission work with the exception of the Belgian Congo. We were deeply moved by the great need, both physical and spiritual, of those whom we met. But it was the need of the refugees that touched our hearts most deeply.

At that time we said that if the opportunity ever came for us to do something for these refugees we would feel compelled to answer the call. The call came. On November 1, we left for Hong Kong, where my husband is to direct the work of Church World Service for the National Council of Churches. Literally millions of refugees are concentrated here in this great city of Hong Kong.

Above all the things that would hold us—the pastor, our church, our family, our friends, the denominational ties including this work with the National Council of American Baptist Women—we have felt the urgency of the call to go to do whatever we can for the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong. We covet your prayers as we embark on this new opportunity of service for our Lord.

Our three children are with us. Ted has left his studies at the Ottawa University and will be with us for one year. Carol will finish high school in Hong Kong and will return to the states in two years to enter college. Connie, who had just entered junior high school, is going to school in Hong Kong with Joy Noren, the daughter of our missionaries the Reverend and Mrs. Loren E. Noren.

We ask your prayers for our service to the refugees of Hong Kong.

Mrs. Harry G. Ford

It is with pleasure that I present to you your new national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Mrs.

Harry G. Ford, a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, is the wife of the Reverend Harry G. Ford, minister of the Rutland Baptist Church, Rutland, Vermont.¹ Born in Tampico, Mexico, where her father was a missionary, Mrs. Ford has lived in New York, South Dakota, and Montana, where her father held pastorates, and in Arizona and Nebraska where he was state secretary. A graduate of Redlands University, Mrs. Ford also attended Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Ford is active in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society in her church, association, and state. In the community, she is chairman of the Inter-faith Committee of the Rutland Council of Church Women, and in the state of Vermont she serves as state chairman of Christian Social Relations for the Vermont Council of Church Women.

Mrs. Ford is the mother of three boys: ages, nine, fifteen, and seventeen. Doubtless you agree that Mrs. Ford is a busy woman.

¹ On January 1, 1960, Mr. Ford became the minister of the Exeter Baptist Church, Exeter, New Hampshire.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: RUTH MCKINNEY (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio



Dear Friends in Christian Service:

A very happy New Year to each one of you! May the days ahead offer you many opportunities for Christian Service. May all your efforts be successful, and may you experience a closer walk with God as you work for the coming of his kingdom.

Today, while you are reading *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, I am in Assam, India. Here, as in the other countries which it has been my privilege to visit, I am watching to see signs of what your Love Gift has accomplished and the uses which have been made of your White Cross materials, as well as the needs which have been met by Church World Service.

The needs are great. During 1960, let us accept the special challenge to double our efforts in these areas of our work.

Love Gift

The 1959 report is history! Whether or not you reached your goal as a state, an association, or a local society cannot be changed. It is your job to start *now* to work with your chairman of Love Gift to see that 1960 Love Gift offerings shall reach a larger total than ever before.

By the time of the 1960 American Baptist Convention in Rochester, New York, there will be some new and helpful Love Gift material. This has been prepared by your new national chairman of Love Gift. Be on the lookout for it.

White Cross

Most of your White Cross quotas should now be filled and sent as directed. Encourage the members of your society to send at least one box to Mather School. Good Easter clothing will not only meet a need but will give pleasure too.

Please refer to page 14 of this issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* and read the article on Mather's emergency.

Christian Social Relations

The area of Christian Social Relations seems to be the most difficult area of work in our division. It is not easy to get women to accept this chairmanship because, in many instances, they do not understand what they are to do.

It is true that Christian Social Relations cover a very wide area. Encompassed in Christian Social Relations is all of our living as Christians. It is not merely

entertaining foreign students, or voting in elections, or being interested in civic affairs. Christian Social Relations is all of this and more. It has to do with attitudes toward all people: those at our door, in our community, and overseas. It is the actual living of the principles of Christ in our every day contacts as well as supporting the United Nations. Everything we do or say has its effect on social relations. It is our job to make these relations Christian.

Let us endeavor to have a chairman of Christian Social Relations in every local society!

Guild of Intercessors

In the fall, 1959, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* there was a detailed statement concerning the Guild of Intercessors, also a statement regarding the packet for the Guild of Intercessors, and pictures of the certificate and folder for each member of the Guild. This is only a reminder that it is *your* job, as Vice-President of Christian Service, to see that every local society in your state or association has enlisted the shut-in members in this prayer adventure. The real job of accomplishing this is the responsibility of the local Vice-President.

We are counting on the state, association, and local Vice-Presidents of Christian Service to see that every shut-in becomes an active member in the Guild of Intercessors.

Reports

Once again the time is approaching when we are to submit a written report on the work of our chairmanship. The 1959-1960 report books will be distributed shortly. In our report you will note a few minor changes. Space, in accordance with a request from many vice-presidents, has been allowed for the reporting of additional projects that you may have pursued during this year. There are areas where women give generously to a near-by Christian center. There is one state that had a summer project of collecting nylon hosiery for the widows of Japan, many of whom are dependent for their livelihood on the making of useful articles from this used hosiery.

We are still urging that the money for food and the cash, which is undesignated, as well as your good used clothing for Overseas Relief, be sent to those in need through Church World Service. This is the surest way of knowing that our gifts reach those in need at the time of their need.

Did you see the article in *Religious Newsweekly*, shortly after trouble began in Tibet? It read: "An urgent appeal for help in feeding the growing influx of refugees from revolt-torn Tibet from an emergency relief committee in Northern India was answered by Church World Service. This Relief Agency of the National Council of Churches immediately made an amount up to \$10,000 in cash available to the committee in Darjeeling to purchase food and other emergency supplies. It also ordered foodstuffs for an equal amount released from Church World Service stocks in India."

Church World Service is always on hand when floods, or famine, or any calamity caused by natural phenomena strikes. It is always ready to supply the need caused by any other kinds of disaster. We are beginning the third year of our special drive to gather fifty million pounds of good used clothing to be distributed through Church World Service. Let us increase our giving and thereby share to a greater degree in the service rendered by Church World Service.

Suggested Projects—Over and Above

Christmas Cards

Christmas has just passed and, without doubt, you probably received scores of beautiful cards. Once again you probably asked yourself, "What shall I do with them?"

A picture in the Youth Section of one of our religious publications shows a picture of a Master Sergeant at an air base headquarters, passing out cards to a large group of children from an orphanage in Japan. The newspaper for this air base is sponsoring a drive for old Christmas cards with which Japanese children may make Christmas greeting cards for their friends for Christmas 1960. Cards may be sent to the Johnson Vanguard, Johnson Air Base, APO 994, San Francisco, California.

Christmas cards with religious pictures and greetings are requested, also, by some of our missionaries. Why not begin to gather cards now so that they may be sent in time to be prepared for use next Christmas? Addresses to which these cards may be sent will be given in the spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Who knows but that through the card you send a message of God's love as revealed by the gift of his son may not find one who has never before been reached.

The Stamp on Your Letter

Every letter you receive has a stamp on it. Have you ever thought of the money value in these stamps?

Miss Andrea Olsen, on the staff of the Greater Seattle Council of Churches, began about five years ago to collect stamps from individuals and from women's and youth groups. More than five thousand dollars have been realized from the sale of two million cancelled postage stamps.

With five thousand dollars and more a good deal can be done. This amount of money received from stamp dealers and forwarded to Church World Service in New York has made more than \$131,000 worth of surplus foods available to needy people overseas. In fact, Miss Olsen said, "We have figured that 400 can-

celled commemorative stamps will deliver enough powdered milk to make seven thousand cups of milk."

If you are interested in putting cancelled stamps to work for humanity needs, begin saving stamps now. You may have some very old stamps tucked away on letters you have preserved for sentimental reasons. Those stamps might be especially valuable.

Find in your community a dealer in cancelled stamps and learn how he wants the stamps sorted and prepared for sale. Send the money to Church World Service, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, then on your annual report blank indicate what you have done.

Miss Olsen's project was published in *Religious Newsweekly*. The Associated Press picked it up and carried the news to many parts of the country. We suggest the saving of stamps as a worth-while project for American Baptist women who have the time and interest to make it profitable.

Another request for cancelled stamps has been received from the German Baptists who are collecting them for a Baptist orphanage. The cancelled stamps intended for the German Baptist orphanage should be sent to: Mr. Alfred Zerpner, Kassel, Post-fach, Germany.

Coming Events

Begin now to think about and make plans to attend, if possible, the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women to be held on Woman's Day, June 2, 1960, in Rochester, New York, and the National Women's Conference, July 9-16, 1960, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Keep In Touch

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Let all Vice-Presidents of Christian Service—state, association, and local—keep in close contact with the three chairmen in their divisions. We will accomplish more because we work together. We are serving here in Christ's name. Let us do our very best to make our service pleasing in his sight.

That You May Know

All Vice-Presidents of Christian Service and chairmen in the division of Christian Service will be delighted to know that Mrs. Wade H. McKinney, the national Vice-President of Christian Service, is making an around the world trip in interest of Christian women's work. Mrs. McKinney was chosen by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies to make this trip because of her long experience in both Baptist and interdenominational leadership. Her contacts overseas are with ecumenical, as well as Baptist, women's groups.

Mrs. McKinney will be the guest of Christian women in the following countries, all of which are areas of American Baptist mission work: Japan and Okinawa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand, Burma, and three areas in India. She will spend enough time in each area, as long as ten days to two weeks in some, to render a real ministry of fellowship with the women she meets. This is the purpose of the trip for which more than one half the cost is the present of Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank, an outstanding Baptist woman.—Ed.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: MARGARET DARLING (Mrs. George R. Darling)

National Chairman of the Love Gift

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 448 Uncapher Avenue, Marion, Ohio



In the Beginning . . .

There is an old Chinese proverb which says, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." The first step in the journey of serving as the national chairman of Love Gift was taken in January, 1959, when "yes" was given in reply to the nominating committee's invitation. It was a very hesitant, uncertain step, but it was a step. The journey is brisk, fast moving, exciting, and sometimes a little rough, but there are many helping hands always willing to give assistance.

It is impossible to travel this journey alone but, by uniting our efforts we are able to accomplish tremendous tasks. Where do we go from here? What do we do now? Like all travelers, we chart a course. Before we start a vacation trip we go to the Automobile Club and have our course charted. It is only by following this map closely that we are able to see the things and do the things we desire within the time available. In the March, 1958, and the April, 1959, issues of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, we have an excellent charted course for Love Gift. If we follow the Leader's Guide and the Goals for the chairmen of Love Gift, we can very easily accomplish that which we have set out to do: namely, exceed our national goal of \$550,000 for 1960.

Foundations Are For Building

A very firm foundation has been laid for us by those dedicated women who have preceded us. It is for us to build upon the foundations they have laid.

Would it not be a shock to hear after a highly dramatic and beautiful presentation of a missionary story which prompted a generous Love Gift offering, a comment such as: "I have followed your special month plans and offerings for quite some time. They are beautiful presentations and move your members to large offerings, but in some ways they may be a detriment to the real development of the members of the Woman's Society because the records show they are not learning to give regularly and consistently."

Yes, we know that the spectacular is so much easier and much more fun than the basic grind, but it is . . .
→ the day after day
→ just the month after month
→ the year after year giving . . .

that develops the giver and meets the needs best. This is the basic grind so necessary for our continued Love Gift giving.

Love Gift IS Money

If there ever were a problem more slippery than an eel, more unpredictable than the weather, more aggravating than the hives, more perennial than dandelions, closer than a brother, and sweeter than honey, that problem is *our money*. Anything can be said about money and at some time, in some place, with someone could be true. Yet, the fact remains always the same: we cannot talk about Love Gift without talking about money because Love Gift is money!

To some folk budgets are cold columns of figures, entered mechanically in ledgers in which there is no life, no vision. To the missionary, however, budgets are living, vital segments of life and work. No money—no work—no message!

Pause for a moment as you read this and pray that every American Baptist woman may have a share in providing the money needed for the budgets that all the work that proclaims God's message of love and salvation may be continued and increased.

How Blessed Are You?

Do you have a Love Gift box? Does every woman in your Woman's Society have a Love Gift box? Have the purposes of these Love Gift boxes been fully explained?

Love Gift boxes are for the woman who wants to give tangible evidence of her thanks the minute she says, "Oh, I am so thankful for . . .," or "What a blessing it was to . . .". The offerings from the Love Gift boxes are meant to be over-and-above a woman's pledge to her church, to her society. They represent the gratitude that wells up in a woman's heart when she thinks of all the blessings and privileges that are hers. Mrs. Walter Harvey, former president of the Massachusetts Woman's Baptist Mission Society and present member of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, says: "Love is something you *do*, it is concrete—not abstract. Love is to make visible; the reward of love is matchless and unending."

Do you remember Elizabeth Barrett Browning's beautiful sonnet which begins: "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways . . ." Suggest that the members of your Woman's Society list their blessings. Some women have indicated that they put offerings in their Love Gift boxes because they are blessed with . . .

1. A warm house on a cold night.
2. Gay and happy children gathered around a table.

3. A good doctor when sickness occurs.
4. An unexpected, happy meeting with a friend.
5. A cherry and helpful letter from a loved one.

The list of blessings could go on and on. One woman writes each blessing on a slip of paper and deposits it in her box with her offering. At the end of the month when she empties her box, she relives her joys.

Please do not destroy your Love Gift box. Use it over and over. There is still a supply in the state offices if a worn box needs to be replaced or supplied to new or reactivated members. But urge those having boxes still in good condition to continue to use them.

On June 1, 1960 new Love Gift boxes will be available. These boxes, new in design and color, are most attractive. But please remember the date is June 1. Do not order the new boxes until after that date. Use the Dedication Service in the 1959 October issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* when you distribute the new boxes. The use of this service will enhance the meaning of the Love Gift boxes and the offerings.

Suggestions from . . .

Division meeting, National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 1959: "Have the Love Gift offering at the beginning of the meeting. If the program is to be long, a very brief dedication service is sufficient."

Mrs. Ernest Cunningham, state chairman of Love Gift, Massachusetts: "We are going to use the Love Gift Honor Roll in our Massachusetts Baptist state paper."

Mrs. Sam Kleinsasser, state chairman of Love Gift, Northern California: "I, too, feel unworthy of the honor of this office, but I know that God's hands can mold willing clay into a useful vessel for his glory."

Mrs. Charles Thorman, state chairman of Love Gift, West Virginia, wrote to her association chairman as follows: "I am convinced that more and more women are using their individual Love Gift boxes, and that must be one of the reasons we are gaining in the amount of our gifts. What an enriching relationship it gives us with our missionaries and their work! Doesn't it seem that we are working hand in hand with them as we drop our money into the little box? Have you tried saying a prayer for a special missionary by name—perhaps a different one each time—as you make your daily contributions? You will become better acquainted with them and will want to know more about them. Read about them in *Missions* magazine, *Crusader*, *Book of Remembrance*, *Home Mission Digest*, and in their Pen Sketches. They will soon become real friends and in that way will bring another blessing. Pass this idea on after you have tried it yourself."

Just Thinking . . .

During the nineteen fifties great strides have been made in our Love Gifts. As we enter the sixties with the prospects of ever-increasing population and economy, the need for increased Love Gifts will be greater. So for the sixties let us deny ourselves the luxury of alibis.

January is the month of beginnings. A whole new

year is ahead. With each new year comes, invariably, a new goal, a greater one of course. The statement is not new, but always timely: "A goal should tug at your heart strings and unloose your purse strings."

Love Gift Honor Roll

Regular monthly reporting by the state chairman of Love Gift to the national chairman of Love Gift inscribes the name of the state on the national Love Gift Honor Roll.

Arizona	Montana
Delaware	Nebraska
District of Columbia	Nevada
Northern California	New Hampshire
Southern California	New Jersey
Colorado	New York
Connecticut	North Dakota
Idaho	South Dakota
Illinois	Ohio
Indiana	Oregon
Iowa	Pennsylvania
Kansas	Utah
Maine	Washington
Massachusetts	West Virginia
Michigan	Wisconsin
Minnesota	Wyoming

Little Drops of Rain

Love Gift Dedication Service

HYMN: "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 117

LEADER:

The dark storm clouds open and little drops of rain, Like watery bees are lighting upon the windowpane. Amazed, each tiny globule shakes its beady head, Struggling to regain its feet with caterpillar tread. Clutching at the windowpane alone it seems to hover, Wondering which way to go until it's joined by another. Then away together, two rain drops dart as one, Gathering other rain drops as on their way they run. Somewhere a little brook is made, and mighty rivers flow. Because these little rain drops join others as they go. Oh, even great Niagara's power would be prone, If all the little raindrops had to go alone.

Have you ever watched a gentle spring rain on your windowpane? One drop trickles down and meets another drop and they go on their merry way until a stream is formed. The stream cascades into a waterfall over the window sill.

Our Love Gift is likened unto a gentle spring rain. First, *your* gifts of thankfulness go into your Love Gift box. You take it and place it with other boxes in your society. It flows into the state office and a stream of Love Gift is formed. The stream cascades into the national office and a mighty waterfall results. So mighty that in 1958 the women of the American Baptist Convention thus gave through Love Gift over one-half million dollars in over-and-above gifts to the Unified Budget. Now we shall start our drops of rain on their merry way to join the mighty waterfall.

The offering of Love Gifts and Prayer of Dedication.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: DOROTHY BAHR (Mrs. Dwight M. Bahr)

National Chairman of White Cross

Division of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings to All

Chairmen in our White Cross Fellowship!

Do we have a secret? Many women's groups do have a secret project around which their organization is built. This secret project becomes a tie that binds the members of the society into a closer fellowship. White Cross—not a secret project—is, however, a strong tie that unites American Baptist women in a world-wide fellowship of service. We do not surround our White Cross work in mystery, yet Christ's love as revealed through White Cross has become the secret of our success in many local Woman's Baptist Mission Societies and on the mission fields. As we work together *with* our hands, serving our Master and our fellow man, we feel a oneness with each other and with him. This is the bond of love and service which unites our hands and our hearts.

With deep gratitude to Mrs. Archie T. Brownell, our former national chairman of White Cross, for her inspiring leadership, it is now my hope to help further unite the members of our White Cross fellowship and to communicate to each member some measure of the greatness of the work we are called upon to do and to make known the devotion each brings to the task which is ahead of us.

It was a pleasure to meet many of you in Des Moines, last June, at our division of Christian Service luncheon, and to meet still others at the National Women's Conference where there was even more opportunity to share ideas and to become acquainted. Let us use these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* to exchange ideas on the motivation and methods we use to make our work "acceptable in his sight."

Purpose of White Cross

To glorify God through the work of our hands is the purpose of White Cross. When each White Cross meeting opens with this central theme, then each bandage rolled, each garment packed takes on its true relation to God's purpose. When our boxes are evaluated in this light, only our best workmanship and only good used clothing go into them. We work with our hands because we love Him. Our gratitude for His love for us is expressed in our concern for others throughout the world. We care! And because we care, we share. This is the inspiring, unspoken message packed into each White Cross box.

Shipping

The first boxes to be shipped overseas for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies by King Shipping Company were packed by them in September. Mr. Robert J. Maynes, our travel and shipping expert, was asked to inspect the boxes. He reported that the items were beautifully prepared and the boxes were carefully packed and were seaworthy.

Please follow these directions carefully.

Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and California churches should mail their Congo boxes to: Acme Export Packing Company, Pier 54, San Francisco 7, California.

Churches in all other states should mail their boxes to:

White Cross—WABFMS
King Shipping Company
c/o Gold Star Cargo Services
164 Front Street
New York 38, New York

Please remember no money is sent with the box to the shipping company. Your payment of thirty-five cents per pound goes to the Treasurer, White Cross—WABFMS, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York, with the White Cross payment form.

Please include in your quota only the items requested. Sometimes our missionaries have had to pay considerable duty on gift items because of the sender's desire to insert just one extra item.

For your information: The price quoted under the Bulk Purchase Plan for Overseas *includes* the thirty-five cents per pound shipping expense.

Let us make every effort to follow directions explicitly.

Muslin Quotas

During the year 1958-1959 there were some large surgical quotas calling for old muslin. In years passed when only white sheets were used in the home the request for old muslin presented no special problem. Now with the introduction of color into the linen closets, Mrs. F. A. Sharp, in charge of White Cross in the office of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, turned to the government bureau which covers such matters for an opinion concerning the safety of using old colored sheets for surgical dressings. This

bureau advises they can see no reason why well-washed colored sheeting may not be used. However, we suggest that all quotas be filled with *white* sheets if possible; that colored sheets be used only if absolutely necessary to complete a large shipment.

Members of churches whose quotas in muslin are small might take extra sheets to association meetings for deposit with the chairman of White Cross, thus establishing a Sheet-Bank upon which sister churches, whose quotas in muslin are large, might draw.

Reports

Keep a record of everything your society does for White Cross. Report *all* supplies provided for the quota, whether *made* or *purchased under the new plan*. On your 1959-1960 annual report form, indicate the amount spent for bulk buying in front of the article listed. This will indicate to your state and national chairmen the items which were purchased. Please keep careful accounts for Overland and Overseas articles.

Report also boxes sent to Haiti and to Mather. It is heartwarming to know that between January and September, 1959, 45,000 pounds of relief goods went to Haiti through Baptist channels. Full directions for shipment of good used clothing to Haiti are found on the green sheet mailed to each local chairman by her association chairman.

Mather is in desperate need of our boxes as well as our prayers. The recent devastating hurricane Gracie depleted Mather's stock of clothing. In addition to the Woman's Society, possibly members of church school classes or Young People's groups might be interested in packing boxes of good used clothing for the Sales House, at Mather, which has become such a help in the support of this outstanding school for Negro girls in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Sent in Christ's Name

The important thing to remember about White Cross is not so much the garments or the bandages made and sent, but that they are sent in Christ's name. A Pen Sketch of the missionary to whom the quota is sent is available from your state chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. Use of pen sketches increases the meaning of our work. (Price, five cents, each.) Letters from missionaries, as found in the "Overseas White Cross Bulletin," or copies of missionary letters mailed on request from either the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York or from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, tell of the need for White Cross items and express appreciation from those who have received White Cross shipments.

Inspirational Leadership

As chairmen of White Cross we are leaders of women who serve God by making things for others. Each of us has some special ability which she brings to the total program. Some sew beautifully. Others can plan the quota of work so that it is spread to every age group in the church and covers a span of several months. Still others have a genius for using the work

we do in White Cross to interest an entire congregation in the world mission of the church. As leaders in this White Cross work, may we inspire others to undertake this humble service that it may carry a loving message through White Cross to a needy world.

The message of White Cross can be told in skits, in pictures, by words, in dedication services, or in displays of completed quotas, exhibited with maps or pictures to indicate the fields to which the goods are sent. The following picture, submitted through the courtesy of Mrs. Roland Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois, shows a White Cross display at the Morgan Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, December, 1958.



(Left to right): Mrs. C. H. Youngdahl, general chairman; Mrs. Arthur Colley, sewing chairman; Mrs. Elsdon Maynard, chairman of hospital supplies.

Other Material for Your Use . . .

"With Our Hands," a color filmstrip, follows the packing and sending of a White Cross box for home missions and one for overseas. It is suggested that the association purchase the filmstrip and make it available to the churches in that area. Price, \$5.00.¹

"What Cross Chatter," a quiz program giving up-to-date information in an interesting manner was written by Elizabeth Marsh. Price, 10 cents.²

"Twice Blest," a dedication service making use of readers, music, and poetry, was written by Irene A. Jones. Price, 10 cents.²

"A Woman's Honor," by Lois Mayes, is a reprint of the short, sincere dedication service which appeared in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, Volume II, September, 1958. Price, 10 cents.²

"White Cross Dedication Services," by Dr. C. C. Meeden, present one litany for dedication of Overland quotas and one for Overseas work. Price, 10 cents.²

¹ Order from your nearest Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South La Salle St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey St., Berkeley 5, Calif.

² Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N. Y., or from American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: OLIVE TILLER (Mrs. Carl W. Tiller)

National Chairman of Christian Social Relations

Department of Christian Service

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Dear Partners in Christian Social Relations:

January is a month for high resolve. Like Janus, the god of two faces for whom the month is named, we look backward to evaluate and forward to make progress. Now that our program year is more than half over, we should take stock to be sure we are achieving the goals which we set for ourselves last spring, and at the same time we should ever be aware of new projects and opportunities.

World Refugees

Sponsorship

Six hundred refugee cases to be settled during the World Refugee Year through the department of Christian Friendliness was a goal approved last September at the meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. It is hoped by the adoption of this goal to stimulate American Baptists, during this year of special emphasis on refugees, to show increased Christian concern for people in need of new homelands. Sponsors of refugee families are required to do three things:

1. Secure employment for the breadwinner.
2. Provide temporary housing, food, and some clothing during the first weeks following arrival.
3. Pay transportation cost from the place of entry into the United States to the receiving community (with the exception of Indonesians).

Requests for information concerning refugee cases should be directed to the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

Other Projects

Additional ways in which we may help in the solution of the refugee problem include:

→ Food. Contributions to the Share Our Surplus Program may be made through the World Relief Committee, American Baptist Convention, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Every dollar so contributed provides more than 300 pounds of food!

→ Clothing. Mail parcels of garments, bedding, and blankets to nearest Church World Service Center.¹

¹ CWS Clothing Centers: New Windsor, Maryland; Napanee, Indiana; 110 East 29th St., New York 16, New York; 4165 Duncan Ave., St. Louis 10, Missouri; 919 Emerald Ave., Modesto, California.

Be sure to enclose eight cents for each pound of clothing to take care of the processing cost.

→ Heifers. Contributions of money make possible the shipment of livestock to refugee farmers. Send contributions to Heifer Project, Inc., 115 East Main Street, North Manchester, Indiana.

→ Adoptions. Refugee children may be legally adopted or financial responsibility for children may be assumed.

Study Materials

Materials available for study on refugees include: → *We Strangers and Afraid* by Elfan Rees. This booklet presents the facts of the refugee story today. It may be ordered from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, UN Plaza at 46th Street, New York 17, New York. Price, 50 cents.

→ *The Golden Door* is a full-color, 15-minute, 16 mm. animation sound film on immigration, produced by Dynamic Films, Inc. It may be ordered from Brandon Films, Inc., 200 West 57th Street, New York 22, New York. Rental, \$10.00.

Africa

During our study of Christian missions in Africa this year, we have become increasingly aware of the economic and social aspects in Africa's challenge to the United States. Lack of technical skills and of capital for development create a great need for economic assistance. Inadequate public health and educational programs on the entire continent demand large-scale financial aid. Missions groups and Social Relations groups can work together for the adoption of foreign-aid legislation that will help Africans.

The study of this year's foreign mission theme has made us aware, also, of the need for increased hospitality by our church women to Africans who come to this country. Extending such hospitality should create in us an increased understanding of Africans and should be to them a demonstration of the Christian faith and church life in America.

As we continue our study let us seek especially to discover the many valuable lessons which Africa has to teach us in the realm of the spirit. Some of these are the idea of group solidarity, the religious significance of the soil, and the belief that religion and life are one. Without doubt, you will discover many more.

Nation-wide Program For Peace

"The Things That Make for Peace" is the theme for the American Baptist Convention to be held in Rochester

ter, New York, June 2-7, 1960. Acting on a recommendation in the report of the Commission on the Initiatives for Peace, our Convention Program Committee adopted this theme at its September meeting. This emphasis is part of the Nation-wide Program for Peace which grew out of the Fifth World Order Study Conference of the National Council of Churches.

Group study of the report of the World Order Conference was also urged in the report of the Commission on the Initiatives for Peace. Materials available for the study include:

"Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet," which is the report of the World Order Conference. Price, 35 cents.

Study Guide for "Christian Responsibility on a Changing Planet. Price, 25 cents.

Order the report and study guide from the Office of Publication and Distribution, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

Congress

With the return to Washington, this month, of the 86th Congress for its second session, we are reminded again of our potential influence in helping to shape the policies of our government. It is part of our duty as responsible Christian citizens to express our opinions on the many significant issues confronting the American people to those who make our laws. In order to do this intelligently, we must keep informed; we must study, read, listen, discuss, and think.

"Register Christian Opinion" is a pamphlet which not only gives helpful suggestions on how to write effective letters to lawmakers, but also lists the names of all members of Congress, the party leaders, and the standing committees of both houses. This leaflet is available from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 10 cents.

In November, 1960, we will have opportunity to exercise our privilege and right to vote. Careful, intelligent preparation for this event is as vital as the actual casting of the ballot. You will want to be sure to include in your reading the leaflet by Charles R. Andrews on "A Roman Catholic for President?" Order this leaflet, which gives a fair and impartial presentation of the facts, from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 25 cents.

A New Project!

Find your Counterpart—Your Racial Counterpart!

Let us consider the possibility of accomplishing this project as one would approach the solving of a problem in geometry. First, there is the statement to be proved; second, the existing facts; and third, the proof.

To Be Proved: That my town makes it possible for me to know a counterpart of another racial ancestry, who is carrying in her church, her church school, or her Woman's Society, a responsibility similar to mine.

Given: (1) National Baptist women, members of the Negro Baptist churches.

(2) American Baptist women, members of American Baptist churches.

Proof: National Baptist women were asked in October, 1959, to study a new book and to prepare themselves for making "efforts for racial justice . . . on an interracial basis."

American Baptist women can be the counterparts. National Baptist women and American Baptist women, by studying together in a person-to-person relationship, can accomplish three things:

1. Mutual development and utilization of God-given talent for the responsibility that is ours;
2. Better understanding of another group;
3. Establishment of foundations for joint group activities.

In carrying out this proof, it will be necessary to do two things:

1. Order the book, *Race and Conscience in America*, prepared by the American Friends Service Committee, from the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price, 50 cents.

2. Seek out your counterpart by locating a church near you that is affiliated with the National Baptist Convention. If no one in that church has begun her reading of the book, you can initiate the project. Bridges of friendship and service may spring up everywhere.

Magazines for Friendship

"Magazines for Friendship" is the name of a project designed to contribute toward the building of world understanding through the sending of back numbers of good American magazines to individuals, libraries, and universities in other countries. This project was started by Professor Albert Croissant of Occidental College in Los Angeles, California. Professor Croissant believes that the better U. S. magazines are the most forceful and effective propaganda we have.

"Magazines for Friendship" suggests the following steps in sending magazines abroad:

1. Select good material that provides a true picture of American life and character.
2. Select individuals or institutions who will benefit by them. In addressing, you may use titles, rather than actual names of people, if necessary: for example, address the Public Librarian, the Mayor, or the Superintendent of Schools of any towns you may select from your map; address the Librarians or Professors at foreign universities; or look up the *Europa Encyclopedia* in your public library and select the names and addresses of the leading figures of various countries.

3. Wrap digest-size magazines in a flat package. Larger magazines should be tightly rolled in paper. Affix postage at the rate of 12½ cents a pound. Limit the weight of any one package to six and one-half pounds. Do not enclose any writing.

"Magazines for Friendship" also suggests that one of their stickers be pasted on each magazine, explaining to the recipient that it is a token of friendship sent to foster international understanding and goodwill. The stickers are priced at 300 for \$1.00.

For stickers, lists of foreign universities, and additional information, write to Magazines for Friendship, Inc., Occidental College, Los Angeles 41, California.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: OLGA BELL (Mrs. Ivan B. Bell)

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Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Personal or Impersonal?

When we hear the words, "Mission to the Academic Community," do we respond with a personal interest or an impersonal disinterest? In imagination, are we transported to the nine areas where special projects are concentrated?

1. Franklin College, Indiana
2. Kansas Baptist Student Movement
3. Los Angeles Metropolitan Area
4. Baptist Student Center, Madison, Wisconsin
5. Bishop College, Marshall and Dallas, Texas
6. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon
7. University of Vermont Medical School, Burlington, Vermont
8. State University Teachers College, Brockport, New York
9. Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri

Are we aware of questions which are being asked in these project centers?

- What does the Christian faith say to certain disciplines, such as physics and biology?
- What are the claims of the gospel upon a person's life work, as in the fields of medicine and teaching?
- How does the church minister to the great mass of commuting students?
- Can the church be related to a state university without violating the principle of church-state separation?
- What is the church in a church-related college?
- How does a disciplined group of Christians reach out into the larger community about them with an effective program of evangelism?
- What is the particular role of women in evangelism?

Our Responsibility

As Vice-Presidents of Christian Training, we are responsible for interpreting to the women in American Baptist churches the 1959-1960 emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. In assuming this responsibility, let us first help American Baptist women to become better informed concerning this emphasis, which is "Mission to the Academic Community." Then let us endeavor to enlist the concern and prayers of American Baptist women for the Director of the "Mission to the Academic Community," the Reverend Joseph Ban, and for all other leaders and participants in the special projects.

Further Responsibility

The "Mission to the Academic Community" is more than the nine special projects enumerated. Our churches are being challenged to strengthen their student program.

What further action can we take? Let us . . .

1. Discover the results being achieved in the special projects in our area and share the information with the members of our Woman's Society.
2. Urge the members of our local Woman's Societies to use the service, "And He Sent Them Forth," printed on the following page. Consult with the chairman of Spiritual Life and plan for the wide-spread use of this material which was prepared by Mr. Rodney R. Romney, a senior student at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and a member of the Community Baptist Church in Arco, Idaho. It is believed that the service "And He Sent Them Forth" would prove most effective if used in February as students prepare to return for their second semester.
3. Obtain speaking opportunities for those living in your area who are qualified to speak on the "Mission to the Academic Community." A list of the names of the speakers has been forwarded to the state Vice-Presidents of Christian Training for their association counterparts who will send these names to the local Vice-Presidents of Christian Training.

What Receives Priority?

Dr. Ronald Wells, Associate Executive Secretary, Baptist Board of Education and Publication and Executive Director, Division of Christian Higher Education, during an address to guests at a CHEC (Christian Higher Education Challenge) dinner in Phoenix, Arizona, said that if we answered all the financial appeals that came to us our giving to worth-while causes, undoubtedly, would exceed our salaries. Giving, as indicated by Dr. Wells, then becomes a matter of priority.

Our job, as Vice-Presidents of Christian Training, is to inspire our American Baptist women to give CHEC a *top* priority. How can we do this?

- By personalizing the institutions and programs in our areas which will receive help from CHEC. Women will assure the success of CHEC when they know that institutions and programs in their areas will benefit.
- By creating an awareness of increasing costs in

higher education. Over 100,000 able students, in the top quarter of their high school classes, are denied college education because of lack of necessary funds. CHEC will enable an additional 26 talented American Baptist students to go to college.

"And He Sent Them Forth"

By Rodney R. Romney

LEADER: (Reads Mark 6:7-13) Early in the ministry of Jesus we read that he called his twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two to preach a message of repentance to all men. Later we read that he appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he, himself, was to come, telling them to preach this same message. What a test of faith and character this must have been to the early Christian brethren to go into a world over-ridden with paganism, social injustices, and political suppression "carrying no purse, no bag, no sandals" but armed only with the message, "The kingdom of God has come." We can imagine the fears and uncertainties in the heart of each as he went out to fulfill his Lord's bidding, yet we are enheartened to read that they returned with joy when, as a result of their preaching, they saw the evil of sin cast out of human lives and replaced by the same transforming power that filled each of their own lives.

QUESTIONER: As the American Baptist Jubilee Advance carried out its Mission to the Academic Community this year, is not our situation similar to this account of the disciples' mission to their surrounding communities?

LEADER: Let us ask a college student, a professor, a university pastor, and a seminary student to answer your question.

COLLEGE STUDENT: Yes, they understood the gospel—and so must we! The disciples were not prepared to go out on their mission until after a period of instruction by the Master. They had followed Him and listened to his teachings, and the wise Teacher realized that the commencement for his students had arrived. Through the discipline of learning and listening they were ready.

It is at this point that any mission can fail. Until we students, with Paul, can unashamedly identify the gospel as "the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith," we have no real comprehension of what this gospel can do. Until with the Psalmist we can say, "I have laid up thy word in my heart that I might not sin against thee," we have no idea how God's word can really affect lives.

COLLEGE PROFESSOR: Yes, they knew the situation in which they witnessed—and so must we! In many ways our world is not too much different from that of the early disciples. Times are still troubled, we still have confused economies, racial tensions, fast-changing cultures, and an increasing sense of religiosity. Just as the synagogues were filled with those who viewed their religion as an external matter of keeping the law, so are our churches filled with many who want a religious faith without the internal discipline of love. As college

students and professors, we believe that the church must bring its own life under the judgment of the gospel before it can proclaim any message with conviction and effectiveness or defend itself in a world of uncertainties and fears.

UNIVERSITY PASTOR: Yes, they needed to communicate the gospel message—and so must we! The message of repentance that the disciples preached is essentially what we must preach today, but the clichés and platitudes of our message are often rejected by the non-believer. Just as Jesus addressed his message in terms relevant to the thinking of his listeners, so would he have us do the same. This does not mean the content of the message must change. Christ died for our sins and this fact is just as true two thousand years after it happened. Sin is just as real now as then and is essentially the same ingredient. As college students, professors and university pastors, we believe that if the gospel message is going to be communicated to our academic world, it must be spoken in terms understandable and acceptable to the world.

SEMINARY STUDENT: It seems at this point that I, a seminary student, must address you personally. How can we, American Baptist college students, professors, university pastors and seminary students, unite with you, American Baptist women, in the accomplishment of this mission?

The real answer lies in our feeling of oneness. We are, first of all, *one in calling*. God has called you, as well as us, to be his witnesses.

Second, we are *one in purpose*. It is our common intention to bring persons into that personal relationship with God in Christ which brings forth commitment.

Third, we are *one in hope*, for we are "justified by His grace and . . . heirs in hope of eternal life."

LEADER: In the chapel of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School is a stained-glass window of the figure of Christ, more than life-like in size, called the Christ of the Great Commission. With one hand down-stretched Christ seems to be saying, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest." But, the other hand held upward and in an out-going manner seems to say, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." He calls us to him and makes us one in him. He unites us in one purpose as he sends us out to proclaim his name; and he fills us with one hope when he promises, "Lo, I am with you always." It is this oneness in Christ that we women share with our academic community, and it is this oneness that will enable us together to bring the gospel to our academic world today.

Prayer

We give Thee thanks, O Christ, our blest Redeemer,
That Thou didst send Thy first disciples forth
To bring to men the message of salvation,
That they might have the more abundant life.
We too have heard Thy call to serve our day
And for Thy help in this high task we pray. Amen.¹

¹ From "Dedication," the school hymn of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, by Dr. Claiborne M. Hill. Reprinted by permission.

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: MILDRED KREAGER (Mrs. A. Paul Kreager)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Have You Heard . . .

The bells of heaven ring with special joy because the spiritual life of the women in your church has deepened?

A melody ring out because a new group is meeting for prayer and study in your Woman's Baptist Mission Society?

The Roman deity, Janus, is pictured as having two heads; one looking to the past, the other to the future. January is the time for the long look. Refer to last year's report and evaluate what you have already accomplished. There is still time to complete another goal.

The Focus Is on Evangelism

Your association will soon be holding its training conference for the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The 1960-1961 theme is "The Mission to the Church." The emphasis for the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is concerned with the renewal of the church as a necessity for evangelism. This demands a recovery of the use of the Bible as the living word of God. It requires a recovery of the meaning of unity in the life of the church as the people of God.

The personnel of the association committee, according to *Judson Journal*, a staff publication of the Board of Education, may, in fact should, include in addition to the committee on Christian Education, the chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, the chairman of Spiritual Life (Women), the chairman of Growth (Men), chairman of Christian Faith (Youth), or association BYF president.

Dr. Robert Handy's book, *Members One of Another*, is the book to be used during the SESEE period. Those who attended the National Women's Conference, in July, 1959, will recall the exciting foretaste to this stimulating study. Refer to the 1959 fall issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* for the clear explanation by Mrs. Walter Schultz of SESEE, the plan of the School of Evangelism and week of Simultaneous Evangelistic Effort.

Seventh Day Baptists . . .

Have joined the Baptist Jubilee Advance. This makes seven Baptist conventions now in the Advance Movement: The American Baptist Convention; Baptist Federation of Canada; National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; National Baptist Convention of America; North American Baptist General Conference; Seventh Day

Baptist General Conference; and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Our Former President, Frieda Roach . . .

Was elected chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. She is the first woman to hold office in that organization. As chairman of the Baptist Jubilee Advance committee, Mrs. Roach will lead 19,000,000 Baptists of North America in a concerted program of evangelism and Christian teaching. The special emphasis will be on Christian teaching, during the one-year term of office of Mrs. Roach.

Creative Corner

"And He Sent Them Forth" is a devotional service, written at the invitation of Mrs. Ivan Bell, the national Vice-President of Christian Training, by Rodney R. Romney, a senior student at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Printed on page 30 of this issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, "And He Sent Them Forth" would be especially timely if used in February when students are beginning their second semester of college and seminary.

"She Walks Straight," an article on page 84, *Home Mission Digest* 1959, would make a heartsearching worship service. Hebrew 12:13 and the prayer hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," might be included in the service.

"On Filling a Vacuum," page 23, *Congo News Letter*, dated September, 1959, can challenge us to do "Greater Works," for the lone Christian woman in her village promised to be true to Christ as the missionary promised to pray—for as yet the missionary could not promise regular visits for the yearned-for fellowship and instruction.

Did You Ever . . .

Use slides of scenes from your vacation trips to accompany scripture for a worship service which is unusually full of praise.

Make use of the worship suggestions in the material for World Fellowship Offering and America for Christ Offering?

Try weaving the Prayer Calls into a Tapestry of Prayer for a Woman's Society meeting?

Call together the devotional chairmen of your circles, or of the societies in your association for a retreat?

Have a month of prayer in your church? This was done by the North Orange Baptist Church, Orange,

New Jersey. This church, of which the Reverend Shields T. Hardin is pastor, set aside the month of June for "The Month of Prayer" for the entire church. "A chart of the calendar was mimeographed. In each square a letter of the alphabet was placed: A, for the first Monday; B, for the first Tuesday; and so on through the alphabet. Under the dates for the four Sundays were listed: (1) our church and its staff; (2) our indifferent members; (3) non-church members; and (4) our missionary work around the world. The calendar was distributed with the roll of membership to every family in the church. Each one was to pray on the first week day for those members whose names begin with the letter A; on the second, for those whose names begin with the letter B; and so on. In this way they prayed for every member of the church during the month. Having no members with names beginning with Q or X, an asterisk at these letters referred to the bottom of the page where the names of certain missionaries (very likely Special Interest Missionaries) were designated. For these missionaries the entire membership prayed on these days. When each one whose name begins with a certain letter realized that all the church members were praying for him or for her on that day, each was blessed and strengthened spiritually."

"This month of prayer," wrote Dr. Hardin, "has helped us to see that we are separate units but intimately related to one another in Christ."

Have You Discovered . . .

The resources of silence through a period of creative worship? We are afraid of quietness these days, either because we cannot bear our own thoughts or because we are afraid to think. This form of creative worship is most effective with students.

At a recent retreat, the worship director arranged two tables, one a little lower than the other, on either side of a fireplace. Sitting on the floor, the group faced the fireplace. On the table to the left a cloth was laid and two lighted candles flanked a cross, giving the appearance of an altar. On the other table lay a horn and a popular magazine, giving the appearance of having been flung at the table or having been left carelessly lying open, and a lamp with shade askew. Above the table hung a cracked mirror. The candles were aflame; the fire was burning; the electric lamp cast its feeble glow.

We sat in silence contemplating the picture before us. What significance did each part have for us? Did either table mean anything? There was no self-consciousness in the group. If anyone felt moved to speak, he did. Perhaps someone offered a prayer; others quoted Scripture, or led in the singing of "Breathe on Me, Breath of God." Another asked the question, "Are we the 'beat' generation?"; while others spoke of the wood being consumed to give light and warmth, of the purity of the candles' flame, that the cross was in the "glory of the light."

If worship is meant to lead us into the presence of God, then this kind of soul searching silence has untold possibility. If you have tried this type of worship, or when you do, send me your comments.

World Day of Prayer

The date is: March 4, 1960

The theme: "Labourers Together With God"

"The individual and corporate prayers of the observance are the Day's power. The overflow of these prayers in offerings are vital because many important inter-denominational mission programs are dependent upon them for their very existence."¹

"Firmly Bound, Forever Free," a new filmstrip, is one interpretation of these projects. Excellent use of this filmstrip could be made at a circle or Woman's Society meeting in preparation for the observance of the World Day of Prayer. This filmstrip and a packet of materials for the service may be ordered from the P and D Department, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York. Filmstrip, \$3.00; Packet, 50 cents.

Of the Making of Books

Major Religions of the World. By Marcus Barth. Written for the "average reader," this book is a compact survey of the founders of the holy writing, the worship and the basic beliefs of the major religions of the world. Dr. Barth states, "Since Christ came, all other paths of faith have felt the impact of his presence; all peoples know that the God they seek is seeking them." Price, \$1.00.²

Meditations on Garden Themes. By Josephine Robertson. Each of the fifty-one devotions opens with Scripture reading, which is followed by a brief meditation and prayer. The illustrative material ranges from the familiar experiences of today's do-it-yourself gardener to less familiar adventures of early plant discoverers; from the little garden at the railroad crossing to the great botanic gardens. This book will remind many former members of the Division of Missions of a charge given by Mrs. H. Hurley Baird when she was national Vice-President of Missions: Mrs. Baird headed all her communications with, "Pray for the harvest but continue to hoe." Price, \$1.75.²

Jeremiah, Prophet to the Nations. By Walter Harrelson. "It cannot be said too often," writes Dr. Harrelson, "that experts do not control the meaning of the interpretation of the biblical witness to life's meaning. The Bible belongs to everyone, and to everyone equally. The results of specialized study may often help those who have not specialized to avoid difficulties or blind alleys, but no one stands as guardian over the Bible except the Spirit of God." The brief study guide to parts of the Book of Jeremiah is designed to be used with the biblical book itself close at hand. Price, \$1.00.²

Pamphlets, leaflets, and tracts may be ordered from the Department of Evangelism. Refer to the price list and order blank prepared by the Department of Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. Price list and order blank are available on request.

¹ *The Church Woman*, October, 1959. Page 27.

² Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe St., Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Ave., Seattle 1, Wash.; 913 Grand Ave., Kansas City 6, Mo.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: VIVIAN RANDLE (Mrs. Stacy Randle)

National Chairman of Family Life

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

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New Materials For You

"Parlor Parents," the first of four leaflets to be published cooperatively by the National Council of American Baptist Women and Baptist Men, is now available.¹ In light, readable style, this leaflet tells how Ned and Susie King work out a problem common to parents of the very young. Its message is singularly appropriate for reading during National Family Week.

You will want to secure enough copies for each family in your church to have one. Before ordering, be sure to check with the Growth Chairman in the Men's Fellowship to prevent duplication in distribution.

"Your Church and Christian Family Life" has been revised and enlarged.² This new edition contains three pages prepared especially for you.

National Family Week material will be available on February 15, 1960.³ The theme for the week, May 1-8, is "The Family as a Christian Community."

The Big Fisherman

This three-hour motion picture, based on the novel by Lloyd C. Douglas and produced by Rowland V. Lee, is a story of yesterday, today—and always—of love and hate, the greatest forces in the heart of man. "The Big Fisherman" is more than a story of Simon Peter, the fisherman. It is a story of Simon Peter, the Galilean who was a man among men in a turbulent era; it is a story of the impact of Christ's teachings upon that era, and the example Simon Peter sets for all imperfect men to find completion in Christ.

"The Big Fisherman" received the Family Medal Award from *Parents' magazine*. It is considered the most definitive film on a religious theme in many years. Its faults are few; its virtues are many.

The extent to which religious people support the motion picture industry in its attempt to portray life without overemphasis on sex and violence, will determine, to a large degree, the number of pictures of this caliber to be produced by Hollywood.

¹ "Parlor Parents," by Mrs. Stacy Randle. Order from: the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Price of leaflet, two cents.

² "Your Church and Christian Family Life," 25 cents. Order from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

³ National Family Week Program Guide, 25 cents, or National Family Week Program Packet, 40 cents. Order from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Ideas You, Too, Can Use

Mrs. Richard Ruggles of Olean, New York, is a "floater" in her Woman's Society. This means that, as chairman of Family Life, she visits each circle in her church, presenting to the members a program on Christian family living.

In the local society of the First Baptist Church of New Brunswick, New Jersey, the entire division of Christian Training is taking to the circles a twenty-minute panel discussion of its aims and purposes.

The new leaflet, "Alice in Christian Trainingland," will be used as the basis for the presentation. Copies of this leaflet were sent, during the fall of 1959, by the state Vice-Presidents of Christian Training to association counterparts for distribution to their chairmen and to the local Vice-Presidents of Christian Training, and by them to each chairman in the division. If you have not received your copy, write to the Vice-President of Christian Training in your association. She may not have your correct address.

All Vice-Presidents of Christian Training and all chairmen in the division of Christian Training should have this leaflet filed safely in their workbooks.

You Asked For It

Many requests have been received for material on family life to be used in programs for circle and society meetings. In response to these requests, the program⁴ given at a dinner meeting at the Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania Baptist Church to the Guild girls and to the members of all circles of the Woman's Society is printed, in part, on the following page. Use it as you wish. Adapt it to meet your specific needs. Add your own personal illustrations.

This program covers three periods in a woman's life. Stage one is printed in this issue; stages two and three will be printed in the 1960 spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

⁴ This address was given by Mrs. Stacy Randle, national chairman of Family Life, to the Guild girls and members of the Woman's Society, Drexel Hill Baptist Church.—Ep.

The Three Stages

SPEAKER: Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist, author, and lecturer, divides the life of a woman into three stages: *before* children, *during* children, and *after* children. Let us look for a moment at the first stage in a woman's life: the one Margaret Mead calls *before* children.

Some of you will remember when you were flappers and were told, "sure as death and taxes, you are going to perdition with bobbed hair and short skirts." Today's girls, if we are to believe newspaper and magazine stories, are on the road to destruction with rock and roll.

What do these rock and roll youngsters think of you and me, the survivors of the flapper and the 23-skidoo era—these youngsters who define the middle-age as "those older folk, 22 or 23 years of age"? Let us listen to Susie—whom we shall follow through the three stages of a woman's life—as she came home from school one day.

SUSIE: (Speaking from the audience) Mother, are you jealous of my smooth skin, my shiny hair, my slender figure?

MOTHER: (Speaking from the audience) Why, no, honey. Who ever gave you that idea?

SUSIE: Well, our guidance teacher said we would have to overlook some of the things our mothers do because they are no longer young, and they feel resentful that their youth is gone.

SPEAKER: Some girls, we are told, think their mothers are "old fogies" and not worth a plugged nickel on today's market. But the truth is, I believe, that girls want to be proud of their mothers. They don't really want their mothers to sacrifice too much to give them a new dress.

I recall the pink cashmere coat a friend purchased for herself. Her teen-age daughter said, "My what a nifty coat! Why, mother, you look young enough to be a debutante yourself!"

I also recall another instance when the nominees for office were seated in front of the a cappella choir at a PTA installation. "Is Jane's mother to be the new president," one girl asked another. "Indeed, she isn't," was the reply. "My mother is the new president."

So we see that these rock and roll youngsters are pleased when we dress up and look young enough to be debutantes; happy when we get elected president of the PTA.

Now what about the more practical side of life? What about helping with the housework? I see by your faces that's a dish of another color. You, too, have found that jobs about the house fall into a distinctly secondary place. Of first importance in a girl's day come school, dates, lessons, social activities, and, of course, those endless telephone conversations.

Today's girls don't know what they are missing in this matter of the telephone. Back in my day, before the dawn of history, I could crank up the wall phone and every teen-ager in the county could listen in—and did! Not only could they listen in, they got in their two-cents' worth on every conversation. Today's young people can speak to only one friend at a time. I was

at a disadvantage, though; I couldn't reach the refrigerator with one hand and bring out the milk, cheese, lettuce, mayonnaise, and with the other the bread and knife, thus making and consuming a Dagwood sandwich while talking to my pal to whom I had said goodbye thirty minutes previously!

Yes, jobs about the house fall into a distinctly secondary place. What young people want right now in a home is a place to relax; not just a place where they can help with the housework. The lazy time of doing nothing in particular will give the young person a feeling that home is the best place to be—more than any work participation ever can. The ideal is, of course, to find a balance between the two extremes. When Susie makes a home of her own, you will witness a complete right-about-face in the way she feels about making beds and washing dishes. One reason for this, she won't have an interfering mother to criticize the way she does things.

Let's take a trip to the home of Susie's mother. The telephone has just rung. Guests are coming from out of town. Susie had offered to make the salad. What did Susie's mother do? Followed her to the kitchen, of course! Let's listen in for a minute.

[Audience participation. Voices from the floor.]

VOICE 1: Drain the lettuce; no, not in the sieve, use this.

VOICE 2: Slice the carrots; not through the ricer, use the knife.

VOICE 3: Not so much salad dressing, Susie. You know I'm on a diet.

VOICE 4: Those tomatoes are sliced too thin. Better chop them.

VOICE 5: Careful, honey! You're spattering the linoleum.

SPEAKER: Is it any wonder that almost daily we hear the familiar cry from mothers . . .

VOICE 6: My Susie never does anything in the kitchen.

SPEAKER: Do you wonder? Do I wonder? I should think she'd go nuts. Everything she does is wrong!

Of first importance in a girl's day, as we have said, come school, dates, lessons, and social activities. So there comes that day in the life of Susie and her mother when Bill, with a brand new driver's license and a yellow convertible, stops at the door.

It's the night of the Senior Prom. Susie's mother knows very well that she won't sleep a wink until Susie is safe at home. But Susie's mother must listen to a word of advice from a head that is whiter than her own: "Be carefull! Don't demand Susie's return at an impossibly early hour. Take a look at what you are doing. Aren't you saying you don't trust Susie's inherent goodness? That you don't trust yourself and the worth of the precepts you've tried to teach since the day she started kindergarten? Won't you believe with me that if our children know we wish for them enjoyable and safe recreation, they are not going too far afield?"

(In the spring issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN* we shall follow Susie through stages two and three, referred to by Margaret Mead as *during* children and *after* children.)

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: **VERDA ALBRECHT** (Mrs. William O. Albrecht)

National Chairman of Leadership Training

Division of Christian Training

National Council of American Baptist Women

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Greetings, and a very Happy New Year!

The holidays are over! Again we take up our duties after days of relaxation and fun! As we do so, we become suddenly aware that our program year is half over. So we begin asking ourselves pertinent questions such as:

Have I met the duties that were mine?

Am I fully prepared for the last half of the year?

Have I done what is necessary to bring my report to completion?

Let us consider several items that will help us to see our path more clearly.

Baptist Jubilee Advance

Without doubt, you have already heard and read much about the Baptist Jubilee Advance, but do you know the special role that we American Baptists women are assuming in promoting and supporting this program of our Convention?

Baptists through the years have been mission minded. The Baptist Jubilee Advance is basically a program to bring each of us into a closer fellowship with God, from which stems all evangelistic effort.

Evangelism is the reason for the existence of the church of Jesus Christ. It begins with the telling of the good news, and the imparting of God's love as revealed through Jesus. Evangelism is a verbal communication of the abundant way of life through preaching, teaching, and personal testimony. Yet, this is not enough. The Christian's life must be lived in such a way that all will sense its validity and reality. The veneer, the superficial must be dropped from Christianity, then those who want to believe will need no longer to ask, "Is it real?" This is the need, and to this need American Baptists are responding through the Baptist Jubilee Advance which is a program that is designed to reach every individual in every church.

The American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., the National Baptist Convention of America, the North American Baptist General Conference, the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, have joined in a corporate evangelistic advance, which began in the spring of 1959 and ends in 1964. The annual themes of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are: Evangelism Through Cooperative Witness; Bible Teaching and Training; Stewardship

and Enlistment; and Church Extension and World Missions. The American Baptist emphases, which will run from May 1 to April 30, or from convention to convention, are:

Mission to the Academic Community	1959-1960
Mission to the Local Church	1960-1961
Mission to the Unchurched	1961-1962
Mission to the Social Frontiers	1962-1963
Mission to World	1963-1964

Participation by the Women

We are eager that the total annual program of the National Council of American Baptist Women includes the American Baptist emphasis of the Jubilee Advance so that American Baptist women may participate in the promotion of this annual emphasis within the church. Present plans are to have . . .

→ A program on the annual emphasis in the Program Packet.

→ A leaflet from the department of Evangelism in the Program Packet each year.

→ A program in *Missions* magazine each year.

→ Special emphasis at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women (Woman's Day) and at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

The annual emphasis in Leadership Training will relate to the Jubilee Advance.

During 1959-1960 through group conversations in the area of Christian Social Relations, we have brought a closer fellowship, a feeling of love and oneness to the women of the American Baptist Convention and to the women of the communities in which they live. Let us continue, then, by witnessing through the life we present daily in our community, to promote the Baptist Jubilee Advance. The success of the Baptist Jubilee Advance depends upon the extent to which each one of us is willing to allow things to happen within herself.

Group Conversation

- Leadership Training Conferences in Group Conversation have been held in the states.
- Training in the associations is nearly completed.
- The next few months will decide the success of the leadership training emphasis for this year. If your local society has not made preparation for the training conference in group conversation, plan to do so without delay. Reports on conferences to date indicate heart-

warming results. Many groups have come to realize the value of these conversation groups in the Woman's Society, circles, church school classes, church boards, P.T.A., and other similar organizations.

Reports on Group Conversations

From Local Leaders

The following comments have been received from women who have participated in local group conversations:

"I think in practically every group in the church, as well as in other organizations, that these conversation groups will prove invaluable in helping newcomers, and those who are shy and reticent to become better acquainted and to feel that they are a part of the group."

"There is a real need for group conversations. I know of any number of persons in various groups in my church who, I believe, would become more interested and active if they could participate in a group conversation."

"I was surprised at the new technique being demonstrated in our Leadership Training Conference, but, after getting into it I feel it is the easiest and the most usable technique employed in any training conference I've attended."

"I believe that Jesus and the people with whom he talked while on earth had a similar fellowship."

From State Leaders

Mrs. Morris Teige, chairman of Leadership Training in Maine, reported: During the group conversation the women opened up like flowers. It was a wonderful experience."

Mrs. Mary L. Hack, chairman of South Dakota, stated: "A most inspiring day, with most of the women catching a new vision of reaching out and realizing where they were failing. We feel much was accomplished."

Mrs. George T. Lord, chairman of Massachusetts, writes: "It was felt to be a very helpful day. Our state team has demonstrated the technique of group conversation in the associations."

Mrs. John Perry, chairman of Montana, reports: "We had international students from Lebanon, Japan, Burma, Ecuador, India, Iraq, Bagdad, Iran, and Pakistan, as our guests. We received a blessing."

Letters to Association Planning Committees

The following excerpts are from letters written to association planning committees:

Mrs. Grace C. Lownes, state chairman of Leadership Training in Pennsylvania, included the following in her letter to her association team members: "Much can be learned from the technique of group conversation. In it we find natural expressions which create a feeling of friendliness in a group, even when there are strangers present. Do you really know everyone in your church? Do you know your next door neighbors? Regardless of race, religion, class or national origin, invite them to your conference. Learn together that barriers can be broken down, that all can know the

true meaning of Christian Social Relations by sharing experiences."

Mrs. John C. Koehler, chairman of Christian Social Relations, and **Mrs. Charles Lynch**, chairman of Leadership Training for Rhode Island, wrote to the members of the association teams: "To feel Christ's presence in a face-to-face group is our goal. Group conversation is a person-to-person sharing experience, a method which can be put into effective use in the local society and church. . . . We will have a group of migrant workers as our guests for Sunday evening supper and the conversation which follows."

The Future of Group Conversation

Group conversation is not a technique to be promoted just this year as our Leadership Training emphasis. Group conversation is an ongoing method to be used over and over again with boards and with groups within the church and in the community.

At a recent conference in New York, **Mrs. Carl W. Tiller**, national chairman of Christian Social Relations, **Miss Bernice Cofer**, director of the Department of Christian Friendliness, and your national chairman of Leadership Training discussed the future of this year's leadership training emphasis, group conversation, as an aid to Christian Social Relations. By request **Miss Cofer** made several suggestions. The following is the result of these suggestions and of our conference together:

The long range goal of the leadership training sessions that have been held in the state and associations is to make available, in the churches, trained conversational leaders.

These leaders have participated in the method, have discussed situations in which the method can be effective, have purchased the packet of materials from an American Baptist bookstore, price \$1.25, and have studied the material included therein.

The conversational leaders who wish through further experience to improve their ability to lead a group conversation may hold conversations with other leaders and with groups in the church. (Include the men in some of your conversational groups.)

Occasions will arise in the church where the use of group conversation might lessen tension. The president of the Woman's Society should be prepared to suggest the use of group conversation and to recommend the Society's trained group conversationalists to the church, and also to near-by churches when assistance is requested. This goal will be reached as each association and local chairman makes effective efforts from January to May.

Looking Ahead

Begin now to make preparation for summer training. Take advantage of the many conferences and training sessions that are planned for the benefit of those who are eager to obtain information and inspiration. Plan to attend the National Women's Conference. There will be outstanding leadership. Workshops are planned to give you helpful ideas; conferences with your national counterpart; Bible study for your inspiration; forums to stretch your mind.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: **GOLDA MORFORD**

National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women

Division of Business and Professional Women

National Council of American Baptist Women

HOME ADDRESS: 239 Eason Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan



Progress in Our Division

American Baptist Business and Professional Women's work was definitely on the up-grade during 1958-1959. Our annual reports showed . . .

- 7 per cent increase in the number of business and professional women's circles.
- 45 per cent increase in the membership of circles comprised of only gainfully employed women.
- 20 per cent increase in the membership of "mixed" circles.
- 20 per cent increase in the use of **THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN**.
- 15 per cent increase in participation in the White Cross program.
- 15 per cent increase in the use of the Program Packet.
- The Business and Professional Women's Love Gift was \$26,353.42.
- The reports on missionary activities should be read by every American Baptist woman! Two reports which were most complete have been mimeographed and are available upon request by writing to the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

However . . .

A report on any one year should always serve as a challenge to the following year. The figures given above indicate progress, to be sure, but they are only a scratch on the surface. Let these figures serve only as an incentive to greater efforts to increase Christ's kingdom in the hearts of working women.

Circles of Employed Women

As we face 1960 in the light of our desire to reach our goal, "to help the employed woman find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women," it is important to note again that last year in circles made up entirely of gainfully employed women the membership increased 45 per cent, whereas in "mixed" circles the increase was only 20 per cent.

It is evident that the majority of employed women prefer membership in the first group—the business and professional women's circle. If we are to "win" the now inactive employed women, we must have in every church at least one group made up of business and

professional women. The trend today is for employed women to join groups of employed women.

In every community there are gainfully employed women who are inactive in the work of their churches and there are employed women who are not interested in the work of any church. These are the women who need to find their places in groups of Christian business and professional women; these are the women who will be attracted to groups made up of only employed women. These women should be our first concern in 1960.

Baptist Jubilee Advance

In the light of this challenge, should we not see our business and professional women's work as evangelistic work? American Baptist business and professional women should become informed about, and active in the Jubilee Advance program. Our contribution to this program could well be carried on in the area of gainfully employed women.

There are great numbers of employed women who could be called "unchurched." These are the women about whom we should be especially concerned. These are the women who need the Christian fellowship of our Baptist business and professional women's groups.

During 1960 may we hope to see all American Baptist business and professional women's circles studying the interests and needs of employed women, developing programs which would attract increasing numbers of employed women to the work of our National Council of American Baptist Women and of our American Baptist Convention, and providing opportunities for employed women to give their services through our groups to communities, to the nation, and to the world.

Interests to Consider

A promotional page entitled, "Some Christian Foreign Service Interests to Consider," was published recently by the Business and Professional Women's Club of The Riverside Church of New York City. There were items on Ceylon, Japan, Africa, World Literacy, and Arab Refugees, every item stimulating and challenging. The one on The Lucy Perry Noble Institute follows:

"The Lucy Perry Noble Institute recently became the 'mother' of the 'Bird's Nest' an orphanage which has been carried on in Madurai heretofore, but which has

been moved to the campus of the Institute. While it is a separate organization from the point of view of finance and management, the school leaders will have an important share in moulding the lives of the orphans.

The Madras Mail recently sent a reporter to the school to describe its work. He was amazed. He wrote: 'Ministering to the young women starved mentally and physically, the school endeavors to salvage all that is good, and to start each one on the road to self-help, with the resultant stages of happiness, accomplishment, and hope. The school has been serving India for several decades, and enrolls about 175 girls. There is an Indian saying that when you educate a girl you lift a family! But this school believes that when you educate a *Christian* girl you lift a whole community.'

"With our gifts to the Lucy Perry Noble Institute we can sow seeds which will bear fruit throughout South India."

Do the promotional materials sent out by your business and professional women's circles reach only the desks of your members or do they reach the desks of employed women not belonging to your group—not belonging to any church group? Do they inspire readers to "join up" so that they, too, through the American Baptist world mission outreach, may have a channel through which they may serve the world?

Christian Social Progress

Listening to the reports on the various phases of Baptist work in the area of Christian Social Progress at a recent meeting of a committee on Christian Social Progress the opportunities for service by business and professional women were amazing. Carefully planned, enthusiastically carried out programs and projects in the area of Christian Social Relations would be bound to attract new members to our Baptist business and professional women's groups. Some of the projects mentioned were: "Meals on Wheels" for the old people in one of the city housing projects, UNICEF, Church World Service, Blood Bank, International Student Work. Should not every thoughtful Christian business and professional woman be challenged by the area of Human Relations?

An Adventure in Friendship

Miss Rhoda Young, Massachusetts Vice-President of Business and Professional Women, reports that on October 13, the Massachusetts business and professional women had an Adventure in Friendship—a Chinese dinner at the Chinese Christian Church of New England in Boston. The evening offered an adventure in Human Relations, as well as an excellent program with a Human Relations theme.

This Adventure in Friendship was the *first* exclusively B and P dinner for Massachusetts. There were 86 employed women present!

Congratulations to Massachusetts business and professional women on the success of your first dinner meeting! Keep us informed that we may share your activities with American Baptist business and professional women in other states.

Green Lake Conference Questions

The business and professional women's workshops at the 1959 National Women's Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, were stimulating. A morning and an afternoon session offered many opportunities for American Baptist business and professional women to exchange ideas, to profit by the wisdom and experience of one another.

Three of the many questions asked at the business and professional women's workshops at Green Lake follow:

1. How can we interest employed women in organizing an evening circle for employed women?
2. How can we increase the active membership of our group of employed women?
3. How can we enlist young women in business and professional women's work?

The answers to all of these questions are basically the same.

→ All involve the necessity to understand what interests employed women.

→ All involve the necessity to provide within our business and professional women's circles challenging opportunities for study and service within the areas of the interests of employed women.

If we want to interest employed women, we must study employed women, their problems, their desires.

Employed Women and the Church, by Cynthia Wedel, former president of United Church Women, is an excellent short cut to the study of employed women. Order from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Price, 35 cents.

Be sure to follow the presentation of this booklet, *Employed Women and the Church*, to your group of business and professional women with a discussion on the possible needs and interests of employed women.

Human Relations Workshop

Constant evidence is being noted that Christian Social Progress is becoming one of the top ranking areas of interest among business and professional women.

In the Human Relations Workshop, held at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, in August, 1959, there were 70 men and 110 women. Ninety-five of the women were either school teachers, social workers, or nurses. The majority of these women were married women with families. About 50 per cent of the women were under 35 years of age. There were—employed women, married and single, young and old—all seeking avenues of service within the area of Human Relations.

All studies of employed women bear out the belief that business and professional women are vitally interested in the areas of life which we Baptists call Christian Social Progress.

If we are to "interest employed women—young or old—in organizing evening circles," and if we are to "increase the active membership of our groups," we must provide for these employed women well planned programs and worthy service projects in the areas of their expressed interests. Only through interest shall we get enthusiasm for participation.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: ELOISE BEYNON (Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Dear Friends:

Although this is my first visit in your homes, through these pages of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, many of you have already become my friends. I have been mailing packages and envelopes from Washington to Connecticut, from Minnesota to West Virginia. Some of your letters begin, "Dear Eloise." And I am already sending personal notes to Ruth or Doris or Lois. The miles between us may be many, but the bond of friendship has drawn us close even in this short time.

Some have asked about my family and my personal interests. My husband, Lee, is the pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Holyoke, Massachusetts. We have two daughters, Barbar Ann and Bronwyn Lee. Babs is in the ninth grade and Bronnie in the sixth. Life is anything but dull within our parsonage walls.

My interests are varied, but people hold first place. Many opportunities have come to serve others: as a pastor's wife, former president of an association Woman's Baptist Mission Society, former state chairman of Family Life Education, and within our community, education chairman of the Junior League of Holyoke, Inc. Then there are the Guild girls: my own local chapter, others in the state, and particularly the Green Lake House Party girls whom I cherish as "adopted daughters."

Report of the Tenth

National Guild House Party

We are ten years old! That is our national Guild House Party is ten years old. In some ways, we are only a Green Lake child, but we are a growing child. In the September, 1959, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*, the 1958-1959 annual reports were printed. As you studied figures, you doubtless realized the extent of our growth.

In 1949, only a few dozen women and girls gathered at the Abbey area for the first house party. In July, 1959, over two hundred women and girls met for inspiration, study, and fellowship. Twenty-five states were represented. The counselors came for conferences, and confer they did for many hours each day.

All met together for part of each morning session. Then separated into two groups, and with the professional help of Miss Rose Grano, editor of Youth Publications for the Baptist Board of Education and Publica-

tion, projected program-planning for the next three years. The programs for the year 1960-1961, outlined in detail, are now in the hands of the writers.

Afternoons and evenings were spent, in part, discussing problems and plans for the three age groups of Guild, and "great expectations" were exchanged. The birthday banquet, the thought-provoking Bible hours, the International Tea, the inspiring communion service, and the vespers are all vivid memories, which we wish every Guild girl might have.

Here and There

Fellowship Guild Counselors are busy people. But it is certain that nothing keeps one quite so young as being with young people!

During the last week of June, as an observer at the national council sessions of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in Chicago, and in August meeting with the youth of our Convention in Green Lake as they gathered for their executive board meeting, I observed the minds of these young people at work. Constantly the thought came to me: In hands such as these the future of our church, of our country could be assured. Time spent with the BYF'ers not only helps to make one's job easier but seen more clearly in its true perspective.

New Ways for White Cross

Please refer to the article captioned "Progress" in the April, 1959, issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*. In this article Mrs. Robert Manogg, former national Fellowship Guild Counselor, gives detailed information concerning overseas white cross packages. Be sure to refer to this article as you fill your overseas quota. Your state counselor, of course, already has this important information regarding the new procedure for sending White Cross packages overseas.

Important: Send all overseas White Cross quotas to your state Counselor or to the person designated by her.

Bibs! Bibs! Bibs!

"The new mothers love them." "Thank the Guild girls for the bibs." "Do make more of them." These are only a few of the comments that have been heard concerning the Guild project for the Mounds Park-Midway Hospitals in St. Paul, Minnesota.

New, simplified instruction sheets for the making of these bibs were prepared several months ago. If you

do not have a copy write either to the hospitals at 1700 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, or to my home address. Although this project was adopted in 1958, it is being continued for at least another year. The Guild girls are having fun making them and the bibs are meaning a great deal to the new mothers in the hospital.

"That She May Serve"



"That She May Serve" is the title of the new brochure on the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. If you have not seen a copy of this leaflet, be sure to order a copy from the Baptist Youth Fellowship office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. A two-hundred dollar scholarship was awarded this past year. In the near future it is hoped that this scholarship can be increased to two hundred and fifty dollars. The goal for the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund is \$7,500. Receipts as of September 1, 1959 totalled \$4,641.84.

Each local counselor has a job to do. If each dollar, the annual scholarships could be increased. With each succeeding year, more Guild girls are going to be ready for college. We can help some of them to see their dreams come true, if we will. If you have not already sent your 1959-1960 contribution, please do so without delay. Send contributions to me at my home address: 245 West Madison Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

Guild House Party, 1960

Please circle the dates July 9-16, 1960 on your calendar without delay. These are the dates of the eleventh annual Green Lake Guild House Party.

The theme will be: "Take My Life," using as Scripture background Romans 12:1-18.

The theme hymn will be the ever popular: "Take My Life, and Let It Be."

Skills and Vocation will be the study emphasis.

Plan now to send a girl as delegate to Green Lake. Washington state has a Green Lake Fund to which each girl contributes fifty cents. This makes it possible to send two girls as delegates from the state. A good idea for any state!

Often several cars go from one area with expenses shared, thus reducing the travel costs. Last summer buses were chartered by several states, making it possible for many more women to attend the National Women's Conference in the Inn area and a larger num-

ber of girls to attend the Guild House Party in the Abbey area. It is amazing how inexpensive the trip can be when using a chartered bus service.

You may have your own idea already about getting to the National Guild House Party, July 9-16, 1960, Green Lake, Wisconsin. We hope you have, for it is important that you attend our national house party.

Report Book Time

Are you at this moment saying, "Oh, no, it's not report time, already"? You are right, it is not tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, but April 15, the day when your annual report is due, will be here very soon. Begin thinking about it now, so that your report will be complete and mailed on time.

This year as you look at your annual report you will notice only a few changes. One change concerns the use of Love Gift Dedication Services. You may be using the services published for the Woman's Society or you may have favorites found in other devotional books. The important thing is that you have a dedication service, for it is through these services that our Guild girls catch the vision of the true meaning of the Love Gift. If you have a service that has been especially effective and are willing to share it with other Counselors, please send it to me for printing in a future issue of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN*.

Kathy Wilsey Is Re-appointed

Kathy Wilsey, our national Guild Chairman, was re-appointed at the national council sessions of the Baptist Youth Fellowship in Chicago, June, 1959. It is a pleasure for us to have Kathy at the helm with her capable guidance for a second year. She was an excellent presiding officer at the Tenth Annual Guild House Party at Green Lake last summer.

Kathy's home is in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, but during the school year, "home" to her, however, is Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota, where she is now in her junior year.

Love Gift Reports

Guild Love Gifts are reported separately from the Love Gifts of the Woman's Society. A report for Guild Love Gifts has been planned, to eliminate confusion that may exist concerning reporting. The new plan for reporting Guild Love Gifts will soon be in the hands of state counselors. Local counselors will have an annual account of the gifts as will the association counselors. In this way, a more accurate report of Love Gifts by Guild girls will be shown.

Guild Girls and Books

Many new books were listed in the 1959-1960 edition of *Guild Goals*. This was done to enable the girls to meet adequately the requirements of the several degrees. At this time the girls are far enough into the year that you and they are able to evaluate the list of books. It will help greatly to have your comments on the books you liked or disliked. Please send your comments to me as soon as possible.

To the Town and Country Leaders

From: HELEN HUSSEY
(Mrs. Wilmer Hussey)
National Chairman, Town and
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National Council of American
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Your Town and Country Committee Reporting

Serving with me on this committee are: Mrs. H. J. Kinkade of Wisconsin, Mrs. John Koehler of Rhode Island, Mrs. Gilbert Miles of Michigan, Miss Dorothy Bucklin, consultant from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and Miss Violet Rudd, staff representative of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

Your Town and Country Committee of the National Council of American Baptist Women was represented at the July 1959 National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, and at the Town and Country Convocation in August, 1959, at Ames, Iowa. It is now planned that there shall be representation at the Interdenominational Rural Convocation at Louisville, Kentucky, in October 1960.

People and Places

Since 1900, there has been a steady increase in the population of the United States living in town and country communities. This increase shows every sign of continuing, as more people move to the country and as the pressure of national population increases. But the number of places has been growing, too!

In 1900, there were 10,228 town and country communities in the United States. By a steady increase, this number has increased to 17,286 in 1950, and reasonable estimates suggest that by 1960, the total of town and country communities will have reached the 18,500 mark.

Many of these towns are in the rural-urban fringe, springing to life as the people from the big city seek space; many of them are in California and the Northwest, where irrigation and industrialization have called into being new communities. Many of them are in vacation and resort areas, where a permanent population is needed to serve the vacationers and travellers.¹

The Changing Concept

There is a changing concept of "town and country" as applied to church work. In recent years, there has come to be a distinction between the terms "rural" and "town and country." The former is a term used by sociologists and the U. S. Bureau of Census to denote population centers of less than 2,500, including open country. In most cases, it carries an agricultural con-

¹ Quoted from "Town and Country Church Supplement to the Urban Fact Book," prepared by Robert T. Frerichs.

To the Chairmen of Publicity

From: FAITH BAILEY
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National Chairman of Publicity
National Council of American
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Dear Publicists:

"That woman irritates me to death! She acts like she thinks I'm stupid!" Mrs. Roger Peacham, chairman of Publicity, was having trouble with the editor of her newsletter again. Had anybody been in the house besides the parakeet, Mrs. Peacham would have itemized her complaints. "She asks too many questions, she never seems to take my word for what's going on, she's too fussy about details!"

Irritably, Mrs. Peacham threw her memo pad into the telephone table drawer. If the nominating committee that said publicity was so easy had met up with "that woman!"

Although Mrs. Peacham wouldn't admit it, even to her parakeet, she was feeling as inadequate as she was irritable. Inadequate as to how she should go about the most basic element in her publicity job; irritable because "that woman" pointed up her inadequacy.

"Know All the Facts" . . .

. . . the most basic element of a publicity job! That means being well acquainted with what you are publicizing. In your case, it is your local Woman's Society. To be specific, it is any given program or event of that society. And being well acquainted with any situation means that you know how to get facts and information. It also means that you discipline yourself to get the facts.

Yes, Mrs. Peacham's trouble was simply that she didn't quite know how to go after the right facts. She'd been a member of her society for 15 years; she knew her women's work. But when it came to a specific event, she thought that when she had the name of the speaker, the date and the fact that Circle Y was serving the casserole luncheon, she had all the facts. That's when the newsletter woman got persistent.

When you want facts for a program . . .

- Steel yourself to spend time on the phone—to call at least two more people than you planned to call.
- First try your official news sources: your president or chairman of Program. From her you'll get the basic information: speaker, subject, date, time, place. **But don't stop there.**
- You'll want to know as much as possible about the program. (A rule of thumb for writers is three times as many facts as are actually used in the finished story.)

So Ask the Right Questions

Here are the questions you should be able to answer, before you write any news.

What is the purpose of this meeting? If a guest speaker is scheduled, call her and ask her exactly what she hopes to inject into the minds of her audience. Once you can define her purpose clearly, you'll have meat for the news story. In giving you her purpose, she'll probably give you facts about content, too.

If a panel discussion, symposium, or program from the packet is planned, call the chairman in charge and ask her the same question: What's the main purpose of the program? Naturally, ask her about the subject and content, too.

What interesting personalities will take part? This is another important question you must be able to answer before you are well acquainted with any coming event. Remember, people are interesting because they have a job, a husband, six grandchildren, or collect first editions. Ask your speaker about herself—where she was born, how long she's lived where she lives, what her husband does, how old her children are, what her hobbies are, what jobs she's held. Try to relate your questions and her answers to her subject.

A panel or symposium? Find out something about each one participating. What they have in common (all young mothers) or what they don't have in common (two schoolteachers and a lady cop). Why are they interested in the panel subject?

Yes, it'll take some doing. But for every phone call your news goes up in interest.

There are other angles to explore, too.

Is a business meeting scheduled? A call to the president will tell you what she has on the agenda. Maybe it's different or controversial enough to feature.

Will there be a Love Gift dedication (or some other traditional event)? Delve into the history of Love Gift (or mother-daughter banquet or whatever). To women outside your society the term Love Gift is baffling. Find out about the history of Love Gift in your society. Put these facts into a news release, and you may discover a more-interested-than-usual religious news editor. You'll surely find your church newsletter editor grateful and pleased.

Now Make Yourself Do It

Don't let anybody shrug off your questions with a but-they-won't-print-all-that-in-this-town. In the first place, you won't put all your facts in your news release. But if you should, you'll give the paper some real meat to work with. They'll do the pruning, and the result will be a more intelligent, readable notice of your event.

The last factor is this: discipline. It all takes time. For what's more time-consuming than talking to women on the phone? But in the long run, you make the job easier for yourself. If you have many facts, any news story almost writes itself.

Try it. Determine to get well acquainted with each event you must publicize. Figure out the right questions to ask the right people. And then discipline yourself to do it!

notation when used by rural sociologists. On the other hand the terminology of "town and country" has been increasingly adopted by churchmen of many denominations since 1930, and has recently come to include all communities up to 10,000 population, outside of metropolitan areas, regardless of the economic base or occupations of the people.

"Reasons for this more inclusive term and larger population base include the following:

1. For a number of years, the 'rural non-farm' population has outnumbered the 'rural farm,' and those who dwell in open country and small towns have a wide variety of occupations.

2. With better roads and transportation facilities, there is an increasingly greater contact between people in larger 'towns' and those in country and village areas.

3. As cities have grown larger, the term 'urban' has come more and more to have to do with larger cities.

4. Consequently, with the growth of more large cities, and the complexity of church problems therein, urban church workers have tended to limit their efforts largely to communities of over 10,000 population. Churches in communities under 10,000 thus became more and more the responsibility of town and country church workers.

"This quite arbitrary dividing line population-wise between 'urban' and 'town and country' has been adopted by a number of the major denominations. Our American Baptist Town and Country workers decided this past year to adopt this classification, as far as our national work is concerned. Within any particular state, adjustments will necessarily be made to conform to the characteristics of that area.

"Obviously, any definition based on population size alone is faulty. Much depends upon the state of mind of the people who live in the community and who compose the churches as well as the other community institutions."²

What Can You Do Now?

Why not ask your state Town and Country Director to speak to your group concerning the work he does across the state. Perhaps he will have pictures he would like to show concerning his field and the people he serves.

Write to me at my home address, North Vassalboro, Maine, for a copy of the skit "Ripples" written by Mrs. Benjamin A. Friend, Franklin, Indiana.

Our Statistics to Date

In 24 states with Town and Country Committees, 11 states have at least one woman serving on this committee.

Let us set a goal to encourage more states to include at least one woman on the State Town and Country Committee. Who are the members on your state committee? Can you offer your services to the state committee when there is a vacancy?

² Quoted from the American Baptist Town and Country Source Book, prepared by Clayton A. Pepper for use at The Third American Baptist Convocation on the Church in Town and Country.

